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Sealed proposals will be received by the C Works, up to 11:00 A. M., Tuesday, July 28, opened and read for the furnishing of materi 400 feet of storm sewer along Daisy Lane ar either be mailed to the Director of Public W or hand delivered to the Office of the Direct Lansing, Michigan. The Contract Documents, including Specific Director of Public Works' Office, located at 1 Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) non-refundable prep <u>Proposals must be accompanied by a certifion of East Lansing</u> , in the amount of not less t forfeited to the City of East Lansing if the bio	ied check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, which shall be dder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to enter into a ract is awarded. The unsuccessful bidders' checks or bid	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and the municipality within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district, or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.
Prevailing wages are required for this project		The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Grovenburg and
The City of East Lansing reserves the right to and to make the award in its own best inter	o reject any or all proposals, to waive defects in proposals, est. CITY OF EAST LANSING By: Marie Wicks City Clerk CP#15_157	Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan: In Delhi Charter Township T03N–R02W: Section 16, The Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ Section 17, The South ½ of the Southeast ¼ Section 19, The East ½, and the East ½ of the Southwest Section 20, All of Section 20 Section 21, All of Section 21 except the Northeast ¼ Section 22, The Southwest ¼, the South ¼ of the Northwest ¼, and the West ½ of the Southwest ¼, the South ¼ of the Northeast ¼ Section 27, The Northwest ¼, the West ½ of the Northeast ¼, and the North ¼ of the Southwest ¼ Section 28, All of Section 28
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Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County E 48854. At that time and place, the Drain of carefully reconsider and review the desc determine whether the addition or deletion of and benefited by the Drain and is just and Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is lo 32, and 33 in Delhi Charter Township, Court or deleted are located in Sections 17, 19, 20 Persons with disabilities needing a should contact the Ingham County Drain O Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in ad or other assistance. You are Further Notified that persons	n Wednesday, July 8, 2015, the Ingham County Drain Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and dription of lands comprising the Drainage District, and of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain ocated and established in Sections 16, 17, 19-22, 27-30, nty of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added 0, 22, 27-30, and 32 in Delhi Charter Township. accommodations for effective participation in the meeting Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Ivance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, sons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner strict may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Patrick E. Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 (517) 676-8395	In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham and Delhi Charter Township will be specially assessed at large for benefits of the Drain. NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners, and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Clerk of Ingham County Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Grovenburg and Menger Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review. AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners, municipality, and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire. This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Dated: June 16, 2015 Patrick E. Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 (617) 676-8395 or
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	M COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER	should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Notice is Hereby Given that on Wednesday, **July 8, 2015**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Delhi Charter Township, County of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Section 13 in Delhi Charter Township.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated: June 16, 2015

Patrick E. Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 (517) 676-8395

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Feedback

Kudos for BWL

Between 12:30 am and 1 am on June 23 our neighbor woke us in a heavy downpour of rain to warn us and tell us that the power pole in the backyard have fallen down and that his power was off and there was sparking in the back yard. We both called LBWL to notify them of this condition. A LBWL person arrived and walking through the rainstorm looked at the downed pole and continued walking the power line towards its source finding another pole that had broken in two. Shortly thereafter around 2 am the power was turned off. At approximately 3 am a LBWL crew of 2 arrived with a new pole and after surveying the situation unloaded a pole and a pole drilling machine. At this time the rain had stopped and I went out with a flashlight to help put a light on their work. They drilled the hole and installed the pole and then left to drill a hole down the street where the other broken pole was located. A short time later another crew arrived that I assumed to be the wiring crew. They removed the wires from the downed pole and the wires from both my house and the neighbor's house. They replaced these wires with new and restored my electrical power at about 9:15 am on June 23. The neighbor's was restored later in the day as his entire service con-

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nection including meter was pulled off the house and had to be replaced. I offered to get coffee for the crew around 7:30 am but they declined my offer and thanked me for offering.

We are very satisfied customers of LBWL and were very upset with all of the negative press they received following the ice storm of 2013 in which we were without power for 9 days. That was a nasty happening and the LBWL responded well to that circumstance as they did to this one.

– Dennis Williams Lansing

Just don't call me a Republican

Please - it may be a trivial manner to YOU, but I take being libeled as a Republican in the story on Mr. Sorg's efforts on campaign finance reform in your current issue quite seriously. I consider the Michissippi Republican Party a criminal organization and in NO way am I affiliated with it. My enchantment with the Republicans ended when I left grade school for junior high circa 1965, and I am QUITE serious about not wanting to be publicly identified with it.

JOHN Hayhoe is most likely the trustee involved in this, FAIK. Never even met the guy OR Mr. Sorg. I'm not a Lansing or Delhi resident, either.

Thank you. - Eugene Hayhoe Meridian Township

Correction

A story on a proposal to reform the city of Lansing's ethics ordinance misstated how much Randy Hannan, Mayor Virg Bernero's chief of staff, estimated it would cost in city funds. Hannan said the estimated expense in a mayoral election year is \$1 million.

Also, because of wrong information provided, the first name of one of the organizers of the ethics reform ethic was misidentified. He is John Hayhoe.





HIrten: Attorney general loses twice in High Court

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Common Ground taps into local talent



Elisa Schmidt infuses maps with artistic memories



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Ethics proposal

Lansing officials weigh legality of ballot initiative

A proposal to amend Lansing's ethics ordinance may have enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot, but city leaders are concerned it may violate state laws.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said Monday his staff was completing the verification of nearly 6,700 signatures. Four thousand need to be those of registered Lansing voters for the proposal to be placed on the ballot.

The proposal would create limited public financing for local political campaigns and set up stricter requirements for lobbyists, among other provisions.

But Swope said he waiting for an opinion from the Lansing City attorney, Janene McIntyre, before approving or rejecting the proposal. He has until today to send the proposal to the City Council or reject it.

"The Charter says I am to certify an initiative if I find it to be sufficient and proper," Swope said. "I've asked the city attorney what that means exactly."

Swope said he is concerned provisions of the initiative may violate state laws.

"I have been told that it violates two different state statutes," Swope said. He de-

clined to say who had told him. Efforts to reach McIntyre for comment were unsuccessful.

That same concern was echoed by Randy Hannan, chief of staff for Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero.

"As a result, on a very preliminary basis — the legal analysis isn't complete yet — but on a preliminary basis there's some problems with the proposal that could end up in court challenges," Hannan said on the TV show "City Pulse Newsmakers" last week. "Theoretically, it could end up not making the ballot at all."

Walt Sorg, who heads the the ballot committee Lansing Citizens for Ethics Reform that proposed the initiative, said the proposal was fully vetted by lawyers before it was circulated.

Former state rep targeted

Feds raid DeWeese's medical practice

A drug addiction and pain treatment center owned and operated by former state Rep. Paul DeWeese was raided last month by a multi-jurisdictional task force led by the FBI June 21.

Opioid Recovery Center/Lansing Pain Management Institute, operated by DeWeese, a former Republican state legislator from the Lansing area, was the target of the investigation, reported MIRS, a subscription-only newsletter covering the state Capitol. DeWeese and his office have not returned multiple phone calls seeking comment.

The office is located near Frandor and US 127 in Lansing Township. Antonio Manning, a special adviser to DeWeese, told MIRS the medical group provides medical treatment for heroin addiction.

An agent for the FBI confirmed to MIRS the raid had taken place but would not comment on the reason for the investigation. MIRS noteed the medical clinic opened in 2013 after an But Bob LaBrandt, lead counsel at Sterling Corp., a conservative political consulting firm in Lansing, said in a press release the initiative violated many state laws.

"What Lansing Citizens for Ethics Reform is attempting to do with their proposal is enact a single ordinance that contains three subjects: ethics regulation, lobbying regulation and campaign finance regulation," LaBrandt wrote in the press statement. "The Michigan legislature attempted to do the same thing in 1975 when it enacted the Michigan Political Reform Act. The Michigan Supreme Court found that Act unconstitutional because it had three objects not one."

LaBrandt noted that the court indicated the Legislature was free to adopt laws in each area, but not under one act.

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LEAD COUNSEL/STERLING CORP

"A lawsuit claiming a single subject violation of the City Charter could derail the effort," he said.

In addition to challenging the "single subject" legality issue LaBrandt said the proposals may also violate the Michigan Campaign Finance and Lobbying Act. That law prohibits local laws from being more restrictive than state laws on lobbying and campaign finance.

LaBrandt did not return calls seeking comment and his press release does not disclose why he wrote the opinion or for whom.

"The Lansing Anti-Corruption Ordinance was carefully written to abide by state law and the city charter," Sorg said in a prepared statement. "We feel confi-

dent that Mr. LaBrandt's concerns are off-base. Similar measures are common across the country, such as the Honest Elections Seattle initiative that will be on the ballot this fall in that city. At the end of the day, the people of Lansing have the right to choose for themselves whether to protect the integrity of our city government. We sincerely hope that right will be respected at the ballot box this November."

Sorg would not say whether his committee was prepared to sue the city to force the initiative onto the ballot in November if Swope declines to approve it.

City officials in Tallahassee sued to keep a similar

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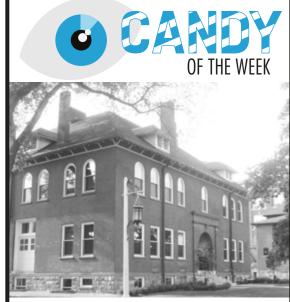
earlier medical group run by DeWeese, which offered neuropathy as a treatment option, shut down. That medical enterprise, the news outlet reported, closed because Medicaid declined to reimburse for the procedures.

Heroin is a growing problem in the greater Lansing area as well as across the state and nation. The Lansing State Journal reported in May that Eaton and Ingham counties have had 99 heroin overdose deaths since 2010, according to the Ingham County medical examiner. That includes 40 in the past 17 months.

Earlier this month, Gov. Rick Snyder announced Lt. Gov. Brian Calley would chair a special task force on prescription and opioid use in the state.

"Prescription drug and opioid addiction has quadrupled the number of unintentional drug deaths in our state since 1999 and we must come together to reverse this trend before more Michiganders are hurt," Calley said in a press statement.

- Berl Schwartz



Property: Chittenden Hall East Lansing

Located on MSU's Laboratory Row, this building was constructed in 1901 for the State Agricultural College dairy plant. At that time, the pair of doors located well above grade (visible at the left side of the picture above) was equipped with a ramp to bring cows into the building. When the dairy plant outgrew this facility and its use was converted, the iconic branch-shaped letters of the forestry program were added to the main entrance aedicule. This elaborate stone and brick feature is composed of a wide sunburst arch, flanked by brick pilasters and capped by a red stone entablature.

During a restoration, completed last year, historic photographs revealed the loss of a pair of dormers from the front elevation. Reconstructed dormers now provide air intake for new mechanical equipment. New upgrades take advantage of the sunny area at the south of the building, combining a barrier free entry with an inviting outdoor plaza. Classrooms were converted to smaller, private offices, but the continuity of the original expansive spaces was maintained by topping the new walls with glass.

The building was renamed in 1969, to honor former fgorestry Professor Alfred Chittenden. It houses Michigan State University's Graduate School.

- Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

(HopkinsBurns Design Studio, which served as the architects for the recent restoration, contributed to this story.)

"Eye candy of the Week" is our weekly look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eyesore of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Belinda Thurston at 999-5065.

EQUAL DIGNITY

Within minutes of Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling extending marriage to samesex couples across the country, Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum stood before Mason residents Lee Chapel and Dawn Chaney. Their children in attendance, Byrum after a short ceremony declared them married.

The couple became the first same-sex couple to marry in Michigan, and perhaps the first in the nation following the ruling. By the time Byrum shut down operations at the historic county courthouse in downtown Mason, she had issued 26 marriage licenses

and performed 16 marriage ceremonies. The Rev. Kit Carlson and parishioners of All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing hosted a wedding reception for the newlyweds on the second floor of the courthouse. At 5:30 p.m., about 100 people gathered at the historic courthouse to celebrate the ruling. *Photo essay by Todd Heywood*



Left: Aidan Ives Johnson and Sam Johnson Ives discuss which of their mothers — Ellen Ives and Colleen Johnson — will receive which ring during their wedding ceremony. Center: Dezirae, 5, celebrates the marriage ruling while waiting for her parents, Danielle Trevino and Priscella Trevino , to get final directions from Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum for their wedding ceremony in front of the Ingham County Courthouse **Right:** Lee Christopher of Vermontville celebrates the ruling in favor of marriage for same-sex couples. The 18-year-old said he wrote the words "Love Wins" on his face because he was "just really, really, really happy" about the decision.



Above and far right: All Saints Episcopal Church of East Lansing was on hand to throw a wedding reception for newly married couples. They provided bubbles, sparkling juice for toasting and two weddings cakes, as well as cupcakes. The two cakes were topped with these signs.





Left: Ellen Ives (left) and Colleen Johnson (right) wipe away tears after Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum declared them married. The two women have been together for 24 and a half years.

Supreme Court rulings Schuette shot down on health, marriage decisions

Any way way you look at it, last week was a professional smackdown for Michigan's attorney general, Bill Schuette.

To be sure, many Republicans were disappointed, some bitterly so, by the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions upholding the essence of the Affordable Care Act and the ruling allowing same-sex marriage in all

states. But few on the losing end of the two decisions were as vested in both cases as Schuette.

He positioned the state to oppose expansive health care and was especially vigorous in leading the legal fight to deny same-sex citizens what the court decision validates as a



MICKEY HIRTEN

fundamental civil right. His former solicitor general, John Bursch, was the lead counsel in Obergefell v. Hodges, the same-sex marriage case argued before the Supreme Court in April.

Bursch has been a partner at the Grand Rapids law firm Warner Norcross & Judd LLP since leaving Schuette's office in December 2013. Although in private practice, Bursch has contracted with his former employer as a special assistant attorney general to argue in favor of the now discredited Michigan Marriage Amendment and other cases. Records released by Schuette's office to City Pulse under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, identify the cost to taxpayers for Bursch's services at \$300 to \$558 an hour.

With a staff of more than 200 lawyers, Schuette ought to have the legal talent on staff to represent his political interests. But apparently not on his big case. Bursch has argued many times before the Supreme Court, and by all accounts is quite good at it. But in the clubby world of conservative Republican politics — Schuette's base for his likely run for governor in 2018 — relationships matter. Warner Norcross PACs and the firm's partners contributed heavily to Schuette's election campaigns.

"Since taking office, Schuette has received at least \$68,000 in campaign contributions from the Warner Norcross & Judd PAC, while the law firm has received about \$728,000 worth of state contracts," said a recent report from Progressive Michigan which has been tracking the relationship.

It found that since 2012, the law firm's state contracts increased from a \$25,000 and a \$24,000 contract to include a \$500,000 contract. And it found two additional \$25,000 contracts in October 2012. "That same month, Schuette received a \$34,000

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the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014, WNJ received several state contracts totaling about \$178,000. In 2014, WNJ donated twice to Schuette: in one instance a June \$2,000 donation and the other — valued at \$32,000 — the day before the November election," the group's website reported. To be fair, many of the state's large

law firms and lawyers have donated to Schuette's campaigns and contribute to the election of state judges, including those on the Michigan Supreme Court. The ethical standards of Michigan's legal community find nothing untoward in this arrangement and vigorously rejects suggestions that campaign contributions in anyway influence legal or political outcomes.

Warner Norcross, acknowledging the controversy surrounding the same-sex marriage case, has said that Bursch was working independently of the firm, where he co-chairs the appellate litigation.

But the courtroom conversion happened only after the case went to the Supreme Court. Before that, Bursch's work defending the Michigan Marriage Act for Schuette was billed by Warner Norcross.

On March 17, 2014, the firmed invoiced the state for \$5,190; on May 21, 2014, for \$5,932.70; on June 16, 2014, \$4,740. One of many invoices from Warner Norcross, the one dated Dec. 5, 2014, sought \$1,830 for litigation support by John Bursch. The state in its payment orders detailed the arrangement with this bureaucratic note:

"Appointment as a Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG) to provide legal services. The proposed services include representation and the provision of legal advice and guidance in the appellate cases of DeBoer (marriage) and Toth v. Gallaghan and in similar litigation matters as assigned directly by the Attorney General. For the time period of 2/10/2014 through 2/9/2015, extended to 5/9/2015 to facilitate the payment process, on behalf of the Michigan Department of Attorney General, Executive."

A legal services request form dated January 1, 2015, established a \$75,000 budget ceiling for Bursch's work — 250 hours at \$300 per for "representation in the United States Supreme Court and the provision of legal advice and guidance in the DeBoer (marriage) United States Supreme Court matter." The document cited Warner Norcross as the contractor, but the law firm said this was a billing error on the part of the state.

In response the Supreme Court decision Schuette released this terse comment: "We will honor, respect and uphold the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. We are appreciative that a decision finally has been reached in this very significant issue." It's better, at least, than the some of the other losers, particularly Republican presidential contenders.

Whether being on the wrong side of this issue matters politically will play out in next gubernatorial election. But the reasoning advanced by Schuette to prevent same-sex couples from marrying is already degrading with its discredited claims about protecting children and assertions that Michigan's law isn't based on sexual discrimination.

Before it broke for the summer, there was at least one sop tossed to Schuette by the Supreme Court. On Monday, in a 5-4 decision, the court in Michigan v. The Environmental Protection Agency said the Obama bid to limit mercury and other toxic pollutants failed to appropriately weigh the cost-benefit of its rules.

This stops, at least temporarily, EPA plans to toughen regulations on the poisons utilities pump into the air, among them mercury, which is particularly dangerous to pregnant women and young children. Michigan's success in leading the charge for the power industry ensures that the pollution can continue, a win for Schuette.

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initiative, backed by the same nation group — Represent.us — from the ballot last year. The initiative, city attorneys argued in state court, was unclear. But a state judge tossed the lawsuit in September ruling the ballot initiative language was not vague. That paved the way for the city commission to put the initiative on the ballot in November, where it won approval by 67 percent of voters.

— Todd Heywood

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Lansing bands bring local flavor to Common Ground by TY FORQUER

You already know the headliners. It's difficult to drive around Lansing without seeing Snoop Dogg, Meghan Trainor or the guys from Jane's Addiction looking down at you from billboards or plastered on the sides of buses. Common Ground Music Festival has booked some big name talent this year, and they want you to know it.

But if you look at the schedule more closely, you'll see some lesser-known names. Heartsick? Jonestown Crows? Flint Eastwood? Not exactly household names, but fans of the local music scene will recognize these bands as regulars at Mac's Bar, the Loft and the Avenue Café. These artists are

Common Ground Music Festival

Tuesday, July 7-Sunday, July 12 Adado Riverfront Park (877) 569-7767, commongroundfest.com looking for a chance to reach new audiences, and where better than Lansing's biggest outdoor music festival? "Common Ground is one of the pinnacles of live music in Lansing," said Nate Dorough, co-owner of Fusion Shows. "It makes a lot of sense for local artists to be involved."

Fusion Shows' fingerprints are all over this year's lineup. Common Ground Festival is organized by Meridian Entertainment Group, which share an Old Town office building with Fusion Shows. The two entities began collaborating on the festival in 2012.

The effect was immediately noticeable. Once known for its lineups of aging rockers and washed-up one-hit-wonders, Common Ground's recent rosters target a decidedly younger crowd.

This year's big score, pop darling Meghan Trainor, is still riding the success of her 2014 megahit, "All About That Bass." The Band Perry is one of the hottest young acts in country music, and even veteran rapper Snoop Dogg, no young pup at 43, is balanced out by co-headliner Wale.

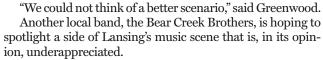
Further down the ticket, Fusion Shows' influence is even more noticeable. For many years, Common Ground focused on national acts, with only the occasional nod to local artists. This year's festival is peppered with local acts. The festival's recent addition of a third stage, the open-air Sparrow State, has given Dorough and his crew more leeway to invite local artists into the mix.

"They always have a blast," Dorough said. "They get to play on bills with bands they've been a fan of their whole lives."

One of the local bands featured this year is Vandalay. The Lansing-based rockers close out the July 8 lineup, which is headlined by Jane's Addiction and Alien Ant Farm.

"It's kind of a dream come true," said Jake Greenwood, drummer and keyboardist for Vandalay. "Jane's Addiction is one of our big influences. It's crazy."

In addition to playing on the same evening as some of his musical heroes, Greenwood is excited to play for the festival



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"It's a great opportunity to show everyone that there are people in Lansing who like country music," said Dylan Wright, half of the country duo. "It's starting to gain momentum."

The Bear Creek Brothers perform Tuesday evening, following headliners the Band Perry and Parmalee.

"It's pretty crazy. We're big fans of the Band Perry," said Kevin Vermillion, the other half of the duo. "Seeing our name on a billboard with them is crazy."

> The honor of closing out the entire festival falls upon the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle. The quirky outfit has a fluid lineup, with the number of performers usually hovering in the mid-teens. Its live shows, as the name implies, often take on a form closer to a variety show than a traditional concert, including puppets, dancers and comedy. Bandleader Dylan Rogers promises that its Common Ground show will be no exception.

> "We're pulling out all the stops," he said.

While the band has several outdoor festival shows booked this summer, Common Ground is a highlight of its schedule.

"It's the ultimate local outdoor show," said Rogers. "The band is excited to close out the night the Flaming Lips and Man Man are playing."

Rogers notes that both his band and

Man Man use mallet percussion, a relative rarity in modern live music. Man Man often uses xylophone or marimba on stage, and the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle features Lindsay Gluf on vibraphone. Despite this shared interest, Rogers isn't under the impression that he'll be rubbing shoulders with the evening's headliners.

Courtesy Photo

"I'm not getting my hopes up that we'll be partying with Man Man after the gig," he said.



Vandalay (top left), the Bear Creek Brothers (top right) and the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle are just a few of the artists bringing a local vibe to Common Ground's 2015 lineup.

crowd.

"This is a huge opportunity for us to spread our music to a wider audience and hopefully gain some new fans," he said.

Vandalay, which has recently trimmed down from a quartet to a trio, released a new EP Tuesday. Its Common Ground set will serve as a sort of release party, including songs from the new release and featuring a custom-designed, synced-up light show.

- **BEST PLAY** "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" - Peppermint
- Creek Theatre Co. "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" — MSU Department of
- Theatre
- "Outside Mullingar" Williamston Theatre
- "Top Dog/Underdog" Ixion Theatre • "Venus in Fur" — Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

BEST MUSICAL

- "Ain't Misbehavin" Riverwalk Theatre
- "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre
- "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre "Parade" — Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

BEST DIRECTOR - PLAY

- Paige Dunckel, "Top Dog/Underdog" Ixion Theatre Michael Hays, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" —
- Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. Rob Roznowski, "Miracle on South Division Street" —
- Williamston Theatre • Rob Roznowski, "Venus in Fur" - Peppermint Creek
- Theatre Co. • Dan Smith, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU Department of Theatre

Best Director — Musical

- Chad Badgero, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Jane Falion, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Linda Granger, "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre
- Deric McNish, "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre
- Hope Rollins, "Ain't Misbehavin'" Riverwalk Theatre

Best Lead Actor – Play

- Rick Dethlefsen, "Shipwrecked!" Ixion Theatre · Michael Schacherbauer, "The Lyons" - Riverwalk
- Theatre • Kirill Sheynerman, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" -MSU Department of Theatre
- Rico Bruce Wade, "Top Dog/Underdog" Ixion Theatre
- Sineh Wurie, "Top Dog/Underdog" Ixion Theatre

BEST LEAD ACTRESS — PLAY

- Mary Dilworth, "Venus in Fur" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Carolyn Conover, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre
- Terry Heck, "Sirens" Williamston Theatre • Anna Szabo, "A Streetcar Named Desire" - LCC Theatre Program
- Ruth Crawford "Miracle on South Division Street" Williamston Theatre

BEST LEAD ACTOR - MUSICAL

- Joseph Baumann, "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre
- Patrick Harney, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. • Martin Underhill, "Camelot" - Starlight Dinner Theatre
- Adam Woolsey, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co

BEST LEAD ACTRESS — MUSICAL

- Jayna Katz, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Mary Maurer, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. Paula Sheynerman, "Camelot" — Starlight Dinner
- Theatre

Best Supporting Actor - Play

- · Michael Banghart, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" - Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Brennan Hattaway, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" - Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. · Andy Head, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU
- Department of Theatre · Todd Heywood, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" —
- Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Williamston Theatre

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CITY PULSE ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 11TH ANNUAL THEATER AWARDS

The votes have been tabulated, and City Pulse has announced its 2014-15 Pulsar Award nominees. This year's installment

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ated to recognize

the best in local

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at 7 p.m.

Chad Badgero, made a big splash this year. The group garnered 34 total nominations, including two nominations in both Best Play and Best Musical categories. Badgero earned a Best Director nomination for his work on the musical "Dogfight."

MSU Department of Theatre also had a big year, earning 23 nominations, largely on the strength of the salacious drama "Les

AND THE NOMINEES ARE...

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS — PLAY

- Mary Dilworth, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre
- Williamston Theatre Sumar Henderson, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" -
- MSU Department of Theatre Dominique Lowell, "Outside Mullingar" - Williamston
- Theatre • Katie Noyes, "Sirens" — Williamston Theatre

Best Supporting Actress — Musical

- Lauren Ezzo, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Amanda Harvey, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co

Best Supporting Actor — Musical <

- Joseph Baumann, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Ed Baker, "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre
- Matthew Bill, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co
- Bob Purosky, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- · Joe Quick, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

FEATURED ACTOR — PLAY

- Andrew Bailiff, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Joseph Mull, "Child's Play" Riverwalk Theatre Zev Steinberg, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU
- Department of Theatre

Liaisons Dangereuses" and '60s rock musical "Hair."

Meanwhile, Starlight Dinner Theatre picked up eight nominations for its ambitious staging of the musical "Camelot," and Williamston Theatre earned 15 nominations for its season. Upstart company Ixion Theatre, which performs bare-bones shows in REO Town's AA Creative Corridor, snagged five nominations, including three nominees for Best Actor.

The Pulsar judges are City Pulse reviewers Erin Buitendorp, Mary Cusack, Kathy Helma, Tom Helma, Meegan Holland, Paul Wozniak and Ute Von Der Heyden; a show must have been seen and scored by at least three Pulsar judges to qualify. All of the Lansing area's community, professional or college theater groups were in contention (Pulsars do not cover children's theater, high school theater, gala presentations, student showcases or workshop shows). The season ran from Aug. 1 last year to June 30 this year.

FEATURED ACTRESS — PLAY

· Colleen Bethea, "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" - Riverwalk Theatre

Jackie Payne, "Blithe Spirit" - Riverwalk Theatre

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

- Seth Burk, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- James Geer, "Ain't Misbehavin" Riverwalk Theatre
- James Geer, "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre
- Edric Haleen, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Со
- Dave Wendelberger, "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

CHOREOGRAPHER

- · Chantelle Henry and Hope Rollins, "Ain't Misbehavin" - Riverwalk Theatre
- Karyn Perry, "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co
- Karyn Perry, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co
- Zev Steinberg, "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" -Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
- Kellyn Uhl, "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

SET DESIGN

- · Bartley Bauer, "Miracle on South Division Street" -Williamston Theatre
- Kirk Domer, "The Gravedigger" Williamston Theatre
- Tim Fox, "Parade" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. · Daniel Hobbs, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU
- Department of Theatre

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• Bruce Bennett, "The Gravedigger" - Williamston

Taylor Blair and Joey Meier, "Hair" — MSU Department

Katie Doyle, "A Streetcar Named Desire" - LCC

• Daniel Hobbs, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU

· Michelle Raymond, "Miracle on South Division Street"

• Bill Bartilson, "Dogfight" - Peppermint Creek Theatre

• Paige Dunckel, "A Streetcar Named Desire" - LCC

Quintessa Gallinat, "Miracle on South Division Street"

Steve Parkinson, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU

Michelle Raymond, "The Gravedigger" - Williamston

• Michael Bayer, "A Streetcar Named Desire" - LCC

· James B. Brunk III, "Venus in Fur" - Peppermint

Jessica Osos, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU

Tyler Rick, "Animals Out of Paper" - LCC Theatre

Shannon Schweitzer, "Hair" - MSU Department of

· Ashley Ault, "Venus in Fur" - Peppermint Creek

· Christine Kennedy, "Camelot" - Starlight Dinner

Kate Hudson Koskinen, "A Streetcar Named Desire" –

Elspeth Williams, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" - MSU

Jocelyn Merriweather, "Ain't Misbehavin" — Riverwalk

Angie Wendelberger, "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" —

Miranda Sue Hartman, "Camelot" - Starlight Dinner

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

BEST HAIR/MAKE-UP DESIGN

Suzie Perazza, "Parade" — Peppermint Creek

BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT

Rob Roznowski, "60/50 Theatre Project" — MSU

CJ Valle, "Theatre 2 Film" — MSU Department of

BEST ENSEMBLE – PLAY

• "60/50 Theatre Project" - MSU Department of

"Best of Friends" — Riverwalk Theatre

"Animals Out of Paper" — LCC Theatre Program

"Or You Could Kiss Me" — Peppermint Creek

Best Ensemble — Musical

• "Ain't Misbehavin" — Riverwalk Theatre

"Hair" - MSU Department of Theatre

Joseph Zettelmaier, "The Gravedigger" — Williamston

BEST LIGHTING DESIN

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Crowdsourcing highlights local crowdsourcing campaigns. To find the events, go to the designated website and search by title.

By HELEN MURPHY

Why I Love Michigan

kickstarter.com/projects/2127163824/ why-i-love-michigan

Why do you love Michigan? Art therapist Kate Roos is attempting to gather answers to this question through a collaborative art project on wheels. Roos and a team from the Ann Arbor-based Aartworks Project have begun a 3,000-mile road trip, stopping in major cities in Michigan. At each stop, Michiganders are invited to decorate a blank postcard describing why they love the Mitten State. Roos hopes to compile all of the decorated postcards into a major art installation this fall. Though the project is already underway, money is needed to continue funding the road trip as well as to create the art installation. Roos' goal is to raise \$15,000 by July 25. Donation levels range from \$5 to \$2,500, and backers will receive anything from pins and bumper stickers to framed original postcard artworks. The project will be in Lansing July 29, time and location to be announced.

Jayell Smoke House BBQ Sauce kickstarter.com/projects/1759225237/ jayell-smoke-house-bbq-sauce

It's summertime in Michigan, which means it's officially barbeque season. And the secret to good barbecue, of course, is the sauce. In 2012, David Leidlein undertook the project of creating Jayell Smoke House BBQ Sauce to honor his late father's love of barbecue. After a few years of research and expansion, his sauce comes in six unique flavors including coconut, root beer, jalapeño and ghost pepper. Leidlein is raising money to package and sell his products to the public, with a goal of raising \$8,000 by July 9. "Right now I have had my six flavors tested by Michigan State University Labs and everything passed," Leidlein posted on the Kickstarter page. "Currently I am in the process of getting the nutritional facts done. Once this is done, I will be able to get my BBQ sauce out to the public." Donation levels start at \$5, and supporters will receive a selection of Leidlein's products, including barbeque seasonings, sauces and rubs.

MOCAD Living Canvas Mural Installation kickstarter.com/projects/mocad/mocad-

living-canvas

The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, popularly known as MOCAD, has called on prominent artist Andrew Kuo to create a large-scale mural on one of the outside walls of the museum. Kuo has appeared in exhibitions worldwide and is known for his bright and eclectic yet organized designs. The proposed mural, "In Staying/Faces," has already been designed, and Kuo based the design on his own experiences in cities. "The geometric shapes of the facade proposal are meant to mimic a city landscape, with shifting planes of color that form a series of faces, eyes looking up and down, mouths just about ready to say something right to me," he said. "The choice of bright colors stands out in an urban landscape." MOCAD hopes to raise \$10,000 by July 14 to fund this public art project. Supporters can receive various creations by the artist, ranging from pins and tee shirts to handmade acrylic monoprints and original framed drawings.



Navigation inspiration Elisa Schmidt infuses maps with artistic memories By JONATHAN GRIFFITH

If you're unfamiliar with topography, it is, simply put, the art or science of making maps that illustrate the height or shape of

"Memories on Maps" by Elisa Schmidt Artist Reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 5 Katalvist College

Schmidt Artist Reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 5 Katalyst Gallery 1214 Turner St., Lansing katalystgallery.com ed something similar with her latest works. But rather than give the viewer an idea of the lay the land, she is, through her own artis-

tic implementations, actually showing you a memory of it.

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of land. Artist Elisa

Schmidt has attempt-

This Sunday, Old Town's Katalyst Gallery presents

Schmidt's new exhibit, "Memo-Maps." ries on The show features a collection of nautical maps and atlases which Schmidt has altered. Illustrated on the maps are scenes that Schmidt has pulled from various photographs she has taken, which relate to

which relate to the maps she has illustrated them on. The illustrations were created using a variety of mediums, such as charcoal, watercolor pencils, drawing inks and even one piece solely in acrylics. Schmidt had some

piece solely in acrylics. Schmidt had some reservations with her choice of mediums and the way they'd react to the map paper but was pleasantly surprised in the end.

"I was afraid the watercolors wouldn't take to the map paper, but it worked out great," said Schmidt, while also noting that watercolors tend to naturally fade over time. "I don't how long it will take for that to happen, so I added some colored pencil just in case."

There were a variety of factors that fed into Schmidt's inspiration to create "Memories on Maps." She was captivated by the works of British impressionist Kerry Hallam, who produced similar works where he painted scenery into maps but dabbled mostly in nautical themes. While a few of Schmidt's pieces also explore nautical themes, inspired by the Great Lakes and her time spent growing up in the Upper Peninsula, they also explore six different states Schmidt has visited on various trips over the years.

Schmidt was also inspired by the large

catalogue of photographic works she has produced throughout her life. While she's been able to scratch the itch of capturing images professionally for her husband Paul Schmidt's production company, UnoDeuce Multimedia, she is always in search of ways to funnel this talent into her own artistic work.

"I always try to find ways to take advantage of my photography," Schmidt said. "I try to combine all my talents."

Speaking of Schmidt's other talents, when she is not creating her own works, she can be found trying to find the perfect way to display the work of others. For 15 years, Schmidt has worked as a custom framer at East Lansing's Saper Galleries. One might presume that as an artist Schmidt would have an inherent disinterest in finding ways to display other people's work, but she insists it is an art in itself.

"You always see different kinds of art, and it's always a new task," said Schmidt. "I love framing. It brings out your creative juices."

Schmidt has been dabbling in art since she was 7, starting out dabbling with colored pencils. Her love

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Elisa Schmidt's latest exhibit superimposes artistic images over maps and atlases.

Reflections," where she specializes in watercolor paintings of classic cars. Most recently, Schmidt participated in the Keys in the City project, where local artists painted donated pianos which were placed throughout Lansing and East Lansing. Schmidt's piano, which can be found in front of Midtown Brewing Co. in downtown Lansing, serves as a monument to her love for the capital's baseball team.

"I love baseball and I love the Lansing Lugnuts," explained Schmidt. "(Keys in the City) is one of the best projects that I've done."

In addition to the nine pieces that comprise "Memories," guests can also enjoy a couple of Schmidt's pieces that remain from the two other times she has exhibited at Katalyst. Her hope for the show is that it elicits memories from places that viewers have been — except for with one of the pieces. Apparently one of the pieces in the show is a wild card, and Schmidt is playing coy with its contents.

"It has nothing to do with anything other than my favorite show on TV," teased Schmidt. "I'm not saying what it is. You just have to come see it." www.lansingcitypulse.com

11 FIREWORKS ARE BIG BUSINESS **AT LANSING'S BIG FIREWORKS**

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Pat Feldpausch, a real estate agent from DeWitt, walked out of the American Eagle Superstore at 901 N. Larch St. in Lansing last Thursday with a grin on his face and a cart full of KABOOM.

On the Fourth of July, Feldpausch will take his stash of 500-gram cakes (the maximum amount of explosive powder allowed by law) and Pro Shells to his cottage near Cadillac, screw the boxes down to the dock and let 'em rip. "I like the larger loads. I like the show," he said.

The cart's fold-out front, where eggs and fruit would nestle at a grocery store, bristled with a battery of 3-inch artillery shells that "put on a heck of a bang," Feldpausch

said. "Bam, bam! There goes 80 bucks, quick," he said with a pyrotechnic waving of hands.

Pro Shells, Big Fireworks' signature artillery shell, are the hot item this year, at two boxes of 24 for \$100. The plain brown packaging and military stencil letters on the box look extra badass among luridly colored packages with names like "Total Annihilation," "Mass Explosion," "Sexy Bitch" and "Wife's Revenge."

Meanwhile, under the store's giant inflated gorilla, Josh Moll and his brother, Jason, were piling boxes into a van. The two young construction workers from Whitmore Lake were in Lansing for a class on asbestos abatement and a mandatory stop at Big Fireworks.

"I look for the biggest and the loudest," Josh said with a laugh

"Biggest and the loudest," Jason echoed. "That's what we walked in and asked for."

Inside the store, Allan Elliott, retail operations manager, was enjoying a lull.

Elliott is holding up well under 13to 15-hour days, bouncing between Big Fireworks retail stores in Lansing, Grayling, Waterford, and Westland.

A couple pushed a cart up to him.

"These all right? Two for a hundred?" the man asked, pointing to the Pro Shells. He asked Elliott about the difference between the Pro Shells and a new competitor, Executioner. Its blood-red box boasts 24 different effects, including a purple and green peony, crackling bursts and strobes, which Elliott poetically described as "light falling down."

The lady pointed to Executioner.

"Whey don't you just get these? They're fine," she snapped, then turned to Elliott.

"He loves the fireworks," she explained, as if he wasn't standing next to her. "Do you have Gorilla Glue?"

They did. (How could they not, with a giant gorilla on top of the building?)

While Elliott directed her to the glue,

another staffer could be heard talking with customers a few feet away.

"Nice big burst, real loud, real loud," he was saying. Several more customers walked in. The lull was over.

"It picks up every day up to the Fourth," Elliott said.

move through the store. The staff doubles from about 12 to 24, with two new cash registers to move things along.

"Fireworks, to a lot of people — it's like drugs," said Jan Stajos, Big Fireworks' CEO. "They are addicted to them. Thank God. I'm glad. People spend 500, a thousand dollars. You'd be amazed.'

Lansing-based Big Fireworks, one of a handful of fireworks wholesale giants in the United States, is flourishing. The American Eagle Superstore on Larch and a handful of retail outlets, mostly in Michigan, are only a fraction of the company's nationwide business.

Last week, Stajos and her staff were in rush mode at the 50,000-square-foot warehouse and headquarters on Remy Drive in west Lansing.

Jan's deceased husband and co-founder of the company, Bill, looked down from the wall, puffing a cigar. On the desk was a basketball signed by Tom Izzo, who stopped by June 16 for fireworks to shoot off at his nephew's wedding in Grand Haven.

The fireworks business is recession-proof. Only the 2012 drought and consequent fireworks bans in many states put a temporary crimp in sales.

"I guess people have to have some fun," Stajos said. "Maybe they can't afford to take a big vacation, but they can still have their beer and their fireworks.' There were no fireworks for Jan and Bill Stajos until about seven years into their marriage.

In 1977, Jan Stajos found a check in the mail for \$3,500. She was working at the Knight Cap. Bill Stajos had been unemployed for nine months. Without telling his wife, he had scrounged \$120, sunk it into the stock market and reaped a mod-

est dividend.

She wanted to pay some bills with the money, but he, a fireworks fan, was weary of the restaurant business. He was determined to use the windfall to peddle fireworks. She tried to talk him out of it.

Thank God he didn't listen to me," she said.

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They bought their retail outlet, American Eagle Superstore, on Larch in the early 1980s. They moved the wholesale business from a warehouse in Potterville to the Remy Drive in 2009.

Jan Stajos didn't want to give exact sales figures, but Big Fireworks

has become a multimillion-dollar operation since 2000. Sales growth has averaged 15 to 20 percent a year over the past 15 years. A new warehouse, double the size of the one on Remy Drive, is planned for a 30-acre parcel on West Grand River.

As of 2015, 26 states permit the sale of all or most consumer fireworks, and the number is growing. This July Fourth, consumer fireworks will become legal in the key state of Georgia, and sev-

On the second and third of July, thousands of people eral other states are considering doing the same.

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All photos by Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Pat Feldpausch

of DeWitt loaded up on

cakes and shells at Lansing's Big Fireworks last week for a Fourth of July celebration at his cottage near Cadillac.

"We pick up two or three states every year," manager Shawn Conn said.

Cash-strapped states are finding fireworks revenue irresistible. Fireworks sellers pay a fee (\$400-600 in Michigan) and purchases are taxed (at 12 percent in Michigan).

Inspecting the warehouse last week, Conn saw a lot of exposed yellow floor lines.

"I haven't seen it like this in a long time," Conn said. "You want to see crumbs on the floor on the fifth, and we're getting there."

The Fourth of July is like "concentrated Christmas," Conn said, but Big Fireworks is a year-round business. Fireworks are finding their way into weddings and other events. There's also Memorial Day, Labor Day and, more recently in Michigan, New Year's Eve.

"It's actually the safest time to use a firework," Conn said. "The snow gives natural protection."

New Year's Eve rivals the Fourth of July in the South, Conn said, especially in Kansas and Florida.

Despite the flush times, a supply crunch is threatening the business, said Eric Stajos, Jan's son and probable successor as CEO.

About 2,000 factories in three areas in China's mountainous Hunan Province make about 95 percent of the world's fireworks.

"It's weird, because certain factories can produce certain things and others can't," Eric Stajos said. "The formulas are passed down through generations."

"They've been making them more than 2,000 years and they're the best at it," Conn said. "They know what makes a green, red, what makes a curlicue, what makes it go up. It's more of an art than a science. India has been trying to get into the trade, but they don't know what they're doing."



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Eric Stajos first went to China 18 years ago and goes back every year. He said China's safety regulations have improved since then, but the industry still isn't attracting young workers.

'It's mostly older people now," he said. "Younger people don't want to work there anymore because it's not an easy life. It's tough, with a lot of manual labor."

It's also dangerous. A September 2014 explosion at a factory in Liling killed 12 people and injured 33.

No wonder the recent opening of an iPhone factory in Hunan province siphoned off a lot of the work force. "They're working now in a factory that's air-condi-

tioned, clean," Stajos said.

"Making iPad covers are much better jobs for them,"



Josh and Jason Moll of Whitmore Lake came to Big Fireworks looking for the 'biggest and the loudest' and looked happy with their haul.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick E. Lindemann

BANTA CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956. in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district, or county feeling aggreieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to-date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan:

In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:

Section 1, The North ½, and the North ½ of the Southwest ¼ Section 2, The Northeast ¼, the North ½ of the Southeast ¼, the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, and the East ½ of the Northwest ¼

In Lansing Charter Township T04N-R02W: Section 36, The South $\frac{1}{2}$, the South $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, and the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$

In Meridian Charter Township T04N-R01W: Section 31, The West 1/2

In the City of Lansing T04N-R02W: Section 35, The Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, and the Southeast ¼ Section 36, The West ½ of the Southwest ¼, and the South 100 feet of the Northwest 1/4

In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham, Delhi Charter Township, Lansing Charter Township, Meridian Charter Township, the City of Lansing, and the Michigan Department of Transportation will be specially assessed at large for benefits of the Drain.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners, and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

Clerk of Ingham County Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township Supervisor of Lansing Charter Township Supervisor of Meridian Charter Township Mayor of the City of Lansing Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Banta Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners, municipalities, and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This notice is pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: June 16, 2015

Patrick E. Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 (517) 676-8395

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Conn said.

A factory might consist of a cluster of 20 pole barns where fireworks are assembled. Mixing stations are tucked into a mountainside at 20 feet apart "so if there is an accident, it only involves one person, not the whole factory," Stajos said.

> To sharpen the supply crunch, demand for consumer fireworks is growing within China, as laws are relaxed and disposable income grows. Recently, the Chinese domestic market overtook the American market for the first time.

"Our stuff doesn't get produced until after the Chinese New Year, and that was three weeks late this year," Eric Stajos said.

He'll be back in Hunan Province later this month, making next year's order.

By then, Allan Elliott's 13-hour days will be over and he'll be kicking back. After the Fourth, he spends a week at Houghton Lake to unwind - sort of.

"Everybody expects me to bring fireworks," he said.

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THURSDAY, JULY 2-5 >> MASON **SESQUINCENTENNIAL SUMMER CELEBRATION** Mason Sesquicentennial Summer Celebration presents four days of family fun, including a beard contest, river walk, parade and more. Fireworks display will be Saturday at dusk at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. FREE. See web for times and locations. (517) 676-1046, masonchamber.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 3 >> FIREWORKS IN WILLIAMSTON

Celebrate the Fourth a day early as First Baptist Church of Williamston hosts its annual fireworks display Friday. Free parking is available at the church, Tractor Supply Company and D & G Equipment. 9:30 p.m. FREE. First Baptist Church, 3185 Williamston Road, Williamston. (517) 655-2139, bit. lv/1FD6KoH

FRIDAY, JULY 3 >> DELTA TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS

DISPLAY Delta Township holds its annual fireworks display Friday. Limited parking is available at the park. 10 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8500, deltami.gov.

FRIDAY, JULY 3 >> PARADE AND FIREWORKS IN

PORTLAND The Portland Area Chamber of Commerce presents a patriotic parade, concluding with a fireworks show at Portland High School Stadium. 8 p.m. parade, fireworks at dusk. FREE. 1100 Ionia Road, Portland. (517) 647-2100, portlandareachamber.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS The City of Lansing has lined up a day full of festivities, starting off with the 11 a.m. parade kickoff at Capitol Grounds. An evening celebration at Adado Riverfront Park begins at 8 p.m., featuring a patriotic performance by the Lansing Concert Band followed by a fireworks show. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 483-4277, lansingmi.gov/parks.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 >> MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION Meridian township's annual firework show. 10:15 p.m. FREE. Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 853-4000, meridian.mi.us.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING LUGNUTS VS LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS Play ball! Grab your popcorn, hot dogs and baseball caps and celebrate the Fourth of July watching America's pastime. A fireworks display will light up the night sky immediately following the game. 7:05 p.m. Tickets starting at \$8. Cooley Law School Stadium. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-4500, lansinglugnuts. com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Banta Consolidated Drain

Notice is Hereby Given that on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 1 and 2 in Delhi Charter Township; Section 36 in Lansing Charter Township; Section 31 in Meridian Charter Township; Sections 35 and 36 in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Sections 1 and 2 in Delhi Charter Township.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision. to add or del

Dated: June 16, 2015

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quiet, pleas FIREWORKS REGULATIONS MAY NEED FINE TUNING

By TODD HEYWOOD

In May, Kya Rose got a dread phone call. Her 23-year-old daughter was dead from an apparent gunshot wound. Police are still investigating her death, said Rose,47.

But now, months later, Rose's nightmare

is triggered over and over again as fireworks that sound like cannons rock her westside neighborhood home.

"It just triggers that sense that someone else has been shot, and another family is dealing with this," she said. "It's a sense of doom with every explosion.

Jen Baker, 43, also a westside resident. said the city ordinance and state law are not working.

"This issue absolutely needs to be revisited, primarily at the legislative level," she said. "We can't expect LPD's

already burdened resources to chase down violators of a fireworks ordinance Obviously, there is considerably more serious crime for LPD to address. At the same time, what are Lansing residents supposed to do when this ordinance is violated? Continue to ignore the problem, night after night? If it was something we could ignore, we wouldn't be complaining in the first place."

In 2011, the state Legislature removed a longstanding ban on various fireworks generally anything that left the ground or exploded. In 2012, Lansing City Council passed an ordinance regulating when fireworks could be shot off. Under that law, the day before, of and after a national holiday- such as the Fourth of July - residents can use fireworks. Use of fireworks any other time of the year would require a special permit. In 2013, the state Legislature updated the law to pro-

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Violations of ordinance the can result in a fine of \$500. But enforcement is a problem. In order for police to issue a ticket. they have to actually witness the fireworks being set off. Residents on the city's west side said identifying which neighbor is lighting explosives is difficult. Often by the time the culprit has been identified and the police arrive, the fireworks are done.

Between June 2013 and June

2014, the city reported it had issued 18 such tickets, City Pulse reported last year. Randy Hannan, chief of staff to Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, did not respond to repeated requests for comment for this story.

hibit the overnight use of fireworks, even on

sanctioned dates. Lansing enforces the ban

fireworks cannot be shot off from places like

the public sidewalk or the city streets.

Under the city ordinance and state law,

from midnight to 8 a.m.

"It's tough to say what the city can do to improve enforcement because the fact is that it's difficult to find the people who are setting off fireworks," said Cathy Bacile Cunningham, president of the Westside Neighborhood Association. "Stepping up patrols is an option, as well as increasing the fine for violating the ordinance. But the fact of the matter is that it's hard to pinpoint exactly where people are setting off fireworks in order to catch them in the act. It comes down to individuals being considerate of their neighbors and understanding the impact that fireworks can have on the people who live around them."

PUBLIC NOTICES STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain

Notice is Hereby Given that on **Wednesday**, **July 8**, **2015**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 3.8 in Aurelius Townshin Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 3-8 in Aurelius Township and Sections 28, 31-34 in Delhi Charter Township. The lands to be added or deleted are located in Sections 28, 31, 33, and 34 of Delhi Charter Township and Sections 3-8 of Aurelius Township.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissione to add or delete lands from the Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

Dated: June 17, 2015

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State Rep. Henry Yanez. D-Sterling Heights, has introduced legislation which would repeal completely the 2011 law.

"As a former firefighter, I am acutely aware of the danger mishandled and misused fireworks pose," said Yanez. "Certain fireworks, whether used properly or improperly, can cause serious property and environmental damage, and the injuries can be disfiguring and life-threatening. There's just no good reason to have rockets, sky lanterns and other fireworks allowed under the 2011 law going off in our neighborhoods."

However, the new laws haven't increased injuries at Sparrow Hospital. A spokesperson said the hospital has not seen an increase in the number of fireworks-related injuries.

Baker raised another important issue, which was echoed by Rose: The impact of fireworks on people with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety issues, small children and animals.

Yanez agreed.

"We all know how the loud noise from fireworks affects some children and pets, but something many of us may not realize is the fear or panic they can also cause veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder," said Yanez. "In fact, 12 state parks this year are going fireworks-free over the Fourth of July specifically so that veterans and their families can enjoy the holiday without the loud noise and stress fireworks can cause. We've tried allowing residents to buy and shoot large fireworks. But the complaints from neighbors and the damage they've caused, or nearly caused, in many communities have proved the 2011 law to be a bad idea. It's time we fixed our fireworks problem and repeal the 2011 law."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick E. Lindemann

AURELIUS AND DELHI CONSOLIDATED DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday**, **July 8**, **2015**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties. There will be no construction as part of this petition and therefore there will not be a notice of letting of drain contract as described in Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district, or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Peview County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

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The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District in Ingham County, Michigan:

In Aurelius Township T02N-R02W:

	Section 3, the Northwest 1/4 of the Section
	Section 4, the North ³ / ₄ of the Section
	Section 5, all of Section 5
	Section 6, the East 1/2 and the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Section
	Section 7, the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Section
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In Delhi Charter Township T03N-R02W:

Section 28, the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ and the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Southeast ¼ of the Section Section 31, the Southeast ¼ and the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Śection Section 32, all of Section 32 Section 33, all of Section 33 Section 34, the West 1/2 of Section 34

In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham, Aurelius Township, and Delhi Charter Township will be specially assessed at large for benefits of the Drain.

NOW THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners, and persons interested in the above described lands, and you:

Clerk of Ingham County Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners Managing Director of the Ingham County Department of Roads Supervisor of Aurelius Township Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township

are hereby notified that at such time and place as stated above from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Aurelius and Delhi Consolidated Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

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Early afternoon showers didn't deter hundreds of Lansing's diehard beer fans who showed up in full force for Saturday's Lansing Beer Festival, hosted by I'm a Beer Hound. Armed with umbrellas, rain ponchos and blankets, the beer lovers poured into historic REO Town to enjoy samples of over 100 beers and ciders from 30 Michigan breweries and cideries.

Photos by TY FORQUER



Kristin Knight of Dewitt (left) and Teresa Ebright of Breckenridge show off their snack necklaces.



Brian Searles from Uncle John's Cider Mill pours a cider sample.



Festival goers brought raincoats and umbrellas to stave off the early afternoon showers.



Ray Hidalgo of Bloomfield shows off his dance moves for the crowd.



Festival volunteers Ryan Freitas (left) and Jill Zelinski working the Blake's Hard Cider booth.



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Explosive contents

'The Wrong Hands' looks at weapons manuals and their impact on society

By BILL CASTANIER

If someone had told Ann Larabee that while working on her book, "The Wrong Hands: Popular Weapons Manuals and Their Historic Challenges to a Democratic Society," a horrific bombing such as the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing would occur, she would not have been surprised.

The author, a Michigan State University English professor, is quick to point out that using bombs for terror, political statements and even deranged revenge motives is intertwined with the history of the United States, dating back to colonial times when manuals on how to manufacture gunpowder were created.

The new book, however, is not about the technical aspect of making bombs, but more

Schuler Books

Capitol City Writers Assoc. Meeting

Thursday, July 2 from 7-8:30pm Eastwood Towne Center location

Capital City Writers is a professional association for career-focused writers in and around Lansing. This month's subject is *In a Slump?: How to Revive Your Love for Writing*. Meetings are open to the public.

www.capitalcitywriters.org

MSU YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE Kick-Off Event

Thursday, June 25 @ 7 pm Eastwood Towne Center location



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This year's featured guest authors are fantasy authors Cinda Williams Chima -- author of the popular Her Heir

Chronicles and the Seven Realms series -- and Merrie Haskell, Michigan author of The Princess Curse, Handbook for Dragon Slayers, and The Castle Behind Thorns.

> For more info visit youngauthor.wide.msu.edu.

for more information visit www.SchulerBooks.com about bomb-making manuals and their impact on society. Initially, Larabee said, a major focus of the book was to be on the so-called Unabomber, Ted Kaczynski, who used crudely made bombs sent by mail to rail against technology.

"I soon discovered the real story was freedom of speech and how (instruction manuals) were appearing in court documents and how much information there was online," Larabee said.

One bomb making manual that Larabee writes about is "The Anarchist Cookbook," William Powell's infamous 1971 manual that described methods for manufacturing explosives, illicit drugs and other subversive materials.

In working on the book, Larabee spoke briefly to Powell, who she said "is now asking that it be removed from print." Unfortunately, the book has become one of the most common bomb-making manuals on the web, and the phrase "anarchist cookbook" has become a generic phrase to describe bomb-making manuals.

But back to the free speech issue. Bombmaking manuals such as the "The Anarchistic Cookbook" and the more recent "Inspire" web-based manual — which was used to create the pressure-cooker bombs detonated in the Boston Marathon bombing — are absolutely banned in Britain, while in the U.S. they are generally protected by free speech. However, they can come under federal over-





sight through a post-9/11 statute which "bans the teaching or demonstration of making or use of an explosive weapon."

There is also a provision in the Patriot Act that prohibits providing material support to terrorists that has been used in dozens of cases to show potential for terrorism. That's where the issue gets thorny, Larabee said.

"It's a disturbing law and subject to abuse," she said.

Targeting specific publications is very difficult, as Larabee points out in her book. She writes about how many of the populist manuals are often derived from corporate instruction manuals or military manuals. The Weather Underground, for example, drew extensively from the DuPont chemical company's "Blasters' Handbook," a manual detailing the use of explosives for construc-





tion and other commercial activities, for its bomb making.

Publishing outfits such as Paladin Press, which specialized in militarystyle manuals, and East Lansing's own Loompanics Unlimited, an anarchist press that promoted an antigovernment, off-the-grid mentality, are also covered in depth in Larabee's book.

Both have been cited in several high profile court cases, including a famous lawsuit against Paladin involving its book "Hit Man: A Technical Manual for Independent Contractors."

Legislating against manuals can be a slippery slope and a threat to freedom of speech, said Larabee, who

has also written a book, "The Dynamite Fiend," about a notorious 19th-century

bomber. "Instructions for bomb-making appear in all sorts of popular fiction," she said.

She cites Edward Abbey's "The Monkey Wrench Gang" as one of the most notorious fictional accounts of politically motivated terrorists, especially since it is often cited for inspiring radical environmental groups.

"If we start banning those, should we ban the movie 'The Thomas Crown Affair' because it provides a formula to rob a bank?" she asked.

In reading "In the Wrong Hands" it's impossible not to notice that Michigan has been a nexus for radical groups and individuals, beginning with the Bath School bombing, where Larabee said there is an "indication" that the perpetrator may have drawn from agricultural manuals, to the Weather Underground which has roots in Flint. The list gets longer when you add the 1971 Ku Klux Klan bombing of 10 school buses in Pontiac and the 2010 crackdown on the Huatree militia.

"A lot of frightening people have come from Michigan," Larabee said.

To date, "The Wrong Hands" is not only the most comprehensive book on the history of bomb making in the U.S. as tied to instructional manuals, but it also digs into corners and places the average person could not go, providing a thoughtful narrative about balancing the nation's constitutional rights and protections.



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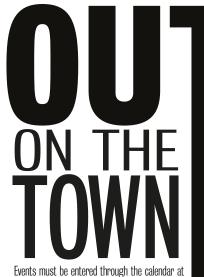
It speaks to you only as rapidly as you wish to be spoken to; it will repeat anything, just for the re-reading; with perfect patience it awaits your convenience; from worldly distractions it will conduct you on a tour of thought, romance, love, vital information. Well made, it fairly caresses the hand and the eye imparting charm, culture and deep satisfaction."

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Wednesday, July 1 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.
Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S.
Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 351-5866.
Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.
Versions of the Bible. How six current Bible translations came about. 6 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S.
Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc. com.

EVENTS

Allen Market Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Open Workshop. Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174. **Practice Your English.** Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Brazilian Customs @ ANC. With a Brazilian speaker from MSU ISPEAK. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

Suits and the City July Event. LGBT professional networking event. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Walnut Hills Country Club, 2874 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-8647, gaylansing.org.

Summer Storytime. Engaging stories, songs and activities for all ages. 10-10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

Puppeteer Alex Thomas. Jokes and pranks meet zany, Muppet-style puppets. 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Strategy Game Night. Play strategy games like Munchkin with Adults 18pl, 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156,

See Out on the Town, Page 19

Dance party

Photos courtesy of East Lansing Mary Jane Heppner-Gamble entertains at East Lansing's Play in the Park series.

With Fourth of July weekend upon us, many people may be full of the festive spirit — and even more full of delicious barbecue. But as the fireworks fade away, the month of July can become quite boring, especially for the children.

That's why, the City of East Lansing has created a series of events for children and families to get outside and enjoy some quality entertainment. Play in the Park is an interactive outdoor children's entertainment series in East Lansing where families can bring a picnic dinner and enjoy weekly programs every Tuesday in July.

The events takes place in East Lansing's Valley Court Park. Kicking off the first Tuesday is Mary Jane Heppner-Gamble, who will lead attendees in creative dance. Gamble teaches dance and creative movement throughout the Lansing area. For Tuesday's program, she will use music, props and stories while teaching children dance movements at a pace they can learn and understand.

Gamble began her dance career in 1972 as a full-time student at the

Cleveland Ballet and has taught creative dance movement for over 28 years. She has a special love for working with children.

"I give them energy and they give it right back," said Heppner-Gamble. "I love their energy, and we match each other because we're full of joy and enthusiasm."

Heppner-Gamble said children can expect to pick up movements easily because they will be movements from their everyday lives, such as running, jumping and turning.

Because the children will be dancing and moving around, they should come with comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. Flip flops and sandals are discouraged.

As for the rest of the month, the program has lined up an eclectic slate of family-friendly performers.

The next installment of Play at the Park will feature storyteller Karen Czarnik on July 14. A seasoned, multitalented performer, Czarnik uses music and stories to "teach, engage, encourage and tickle the funny bone," according to her web site.

On July 21 is Superhero Science,



where Michigan Science Center's Traveling Science Program will teach children how superheroes use energy, force, electricity and magnetism to save the world.

The final Play in the Park event will be July

event will be July 28, featuring a musical performance by Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Play in the Park 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7 FREE Valley Court Park 280 Valley Court, East Lansing (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com

Express. Guy Louis Sferlazza III, who performs simply as Guy Louis, specializes in folk and rock music with an educational message. The Utica-based artist presents family concert and school assemblies throughout the Great Lakes region, performing songs about environmental awareness, racial and cultural awareness, literacy and other topics.

ABBEY HOFFMAN PLAYS FREE AVENUE CAFE SHOW

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Free, 8 p.m., Thursday, July 9

Since 2012, singer/songwriter Abbey Hoffman has gigged around Lansing playing her fervent folk tunes. She plays a free show July 9 at The Avenue Café, opener is M Mackay. In late 2014, Hoffman released "This Too Shall Pass," her debut full-length album. The 11-track record features songs she's penned between 2010 and 2014. According to her Bandcamp page, the stripped-down LP was recorded live at Elm Street Recording in Lansing to "capture the songs as she has been playing them over the past five years — in their basic form, just voice and guitar." The record is a follow-up to 2012's "Isabela Unplugged Demo," a five-song EP. Hoffman, who was born and raised in New York prior to relocating to Lansing, also moonlights as a vocalist in the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle.

TELL YO MAMA AT THE LOFT

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$7, 8 p.m., Thursday, July 2

Lansing-based R&B/funk band Tell Yo Mama headlines Thursday at the Loft. Opening the show are East Harvest, Hut Two Hike and Fried Egg Nebula. Tell Yo Mama plays a danceable style of rock 'n' soul that mixes in hints of gospel, jazz and reggae. The group is comprised of co-lead vocalists Lucas Holliday and Jacque Baldori, Raymond Crane (drums), Eric Kloeckner (keyboards/percussion), Adrian "Nibs" Bryant (bass) and guitarist Mike Loomis. Since it formed in August 2014, the band has developed a diverse set of original and cover tunes. Meanwhile, Fried Egg Nebula, a local a psychedelic jam rock quartet, leans closer to Phish, the Allman Brothers Band and The String Cheese Incident. Known for its energetic brand of trippy folk-rock, Fried Egg Nebula keeps busy touring the Midwest in its RV, "Bertha."



Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$10, \$7 adv., 8 p.m., Thursday, July 9



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MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

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East Lansing-based rapper EMD, real name Evan Dunbar, headlines Thursday at Mac's Bar. The event, dubbed "The Concrete Mixer," also features Ahmad Da God, Tone Pitt, Hk, Lil Quen, Meezey Da Slimm and Southside Deli. In January, EMD released his debut single, "Hear Me Now." The track was produced by Ess Be and mixed by Zack Tuck. The tune was later included on his EP, "Training Day." While Dunbar might be new to the Capital City rap scene, his track "All of the Above" features hip-hop scene veteran Ozay Moore, fka Othello. Far from vague, Dunbar posts the lyrics and detailed descriptions of the context of each track on the EP via his Facebook: facebook. com/emdeastlansing. The new EP can be streamed at soundcloud.com/e-m-d-east-lansing.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT RICH TUPICA AT RICH@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM >>> TO BE LISTED IN LIVE & LOCAL E-MAIL LIVEANDLOCAL@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE&LOCAL	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
he Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.			
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.			Darrin Larner Jr., 9 p.m.	Mike Cooley., 5 p.m.
coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 9 p.m.			DJ, 9 p.m.
colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.		
Jublin Square, 327 Abbot Rd.			Mark Warner, 5 p.m.	
he Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.	Skoryoke live band karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	The Knock Offs, 9:30 p.m.	The Rotations, 9:30 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johhny D Jam, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.		
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.			Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
larper's, 131 Albert Ave.		Greg Smith, 6 p.m.	Steve Elgas, 6 p.m.	Darrin Larner Jr., 6 p.m.
he Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Tell Yo Mama, 9 p.m.	Lifeguard Commission, 7 p.m.
loriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Lincoln County Process, 9 p.m.	Spoonful, 9 p.m.	Fat Boy and Jive Turkey, 9 p.m.
lac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Hayley Kiyoko, 7 p.m.	EMD, 8 p.m.	Swavy Nation, 8 p.m.	Chris Cresswell, 8 p.m.
Peppino's, 213 Ann St.	Reggae Lou, 5 p.m.			
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.	Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.	Bill Slaght, 6 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Chris Lasko, 6 p.m.	Greg Smith, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Mark Sala, 6 p.m.	Kevin Schaffer, 6 p.m.	Swamp Nights, 6 p.m.	Greg Smith, 6 p.m.
in Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			DJ Chalky, 9 p.m.
Inicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog's Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Easy Babies, 8:30 p.m.	Past Life Reunion, 8:30 p.m.
Vaterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	
Vatershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 8 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.
Vhiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.			DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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Recently opened Capital City BBQ serves barbeque and Vietnamese dishes out of Sunshine Cellular on Saginaw St.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

There haven't yet been any car accidents attributed to **Capital City BBQ** yet, but that could soon change. Lansing's newest barbecue joint is tucked in the back half of **Sunshine Cellular,** a cell phone store on the northeast corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Saginaw Street, and it's easy to miss. It's situated on a busy intersection, has a tight parking lot and has only two things signifying its existence: a small sign and the smell of barbecue wafting out into the street.

But it's been enough to put the tiny eatery, which features a unique blend of American barbecue and Asian specialties, on the radar of local foodies.

"We've only been open three weeks, but already we're starting to know people by name,"

Out on the town

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MUSIC

Fusion Shows presents. Music Begins at 10 p.m. 21 and older welcome. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's Pizza & Burgers, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

Marshall Music Open Jam. Join other musicians and get heard. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com. Tom & Mary. Performing folk classics. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/ AllenStreetFarmersMarket.

Hayley Kiyoko. Live electronic/pop performance. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com. St. Johns Concert in the Park. The Best of Clinton County. A Juried Show, 7 p.m. FREE, donations Accepted . St. Johns City Park Performance Shell, 800 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

Thursday, July 2 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, newhopehaslett.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing, (517) 882-9080, stdavidslansing. said owner Linh Lee. "Some of them come in every day. I'm surprised how word is spreading."

Two words, actually: banh mi (pronounced bun-ME). Capital City BBQ is one of only four restaurants in town offering the traditional Vietnamese sandwiches; the others being **Midtown Brewing Co.**, **Old Nation Brewing Co.** and **Nola Bistro Pho & Po Boys** (you can also find them at St. Andrew Dung Lac Church on Sunday mornings). Big deal, you may be tempted to say, a sandwich is a sandwich, but take heed: Linh spent months (yes, months) searching for the perfect bread.

"The bread is the most important part of banh mi," she said. "Of course, you need a good pork shoulder, the pickles, carrots, green onion and cucumber, but if you don't have the right type of French bread, it's not a banh mi."

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Tarot Study Group. With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessbookstore. net.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, room 214G, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org. Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363,

cadl.org.

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30
p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave.,
Mason. (517) 853-1675, quanamtemple.org.
Shamanic Healing Clinic. Education & healing demo.
6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Willow Stick
Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3, Lansing.
(517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.
Celebrate Recovery. For all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Trinity Church (Lansing),
3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.
Yoga. Yoga at the Meridian Senior Center, 11 a.m.
\$40/\$25 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N.
Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

EVENTS

Euchre. No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482Linh won't say where the bread comes from, but it does arrive fresh daily from a bakery in the Detroit area. There are three types of banh mi sandwich on the menu: meatball, grilled lemon grass and pork and pork and pâté.

But one sandwich does not a menu make. The restaurant's chef, Jeff Ramirez, helped Linh and her partner, Regan Louchart, develop the three homemade barbecue sauces used in the other dishes, including ribs, brisket, pulled pork and chicken.

Included with the traditional barbecue sides like potato salad, baked beans and mac and cheese are traditional Vietnamese egg rolls made with pork and shrimp. And what have we here, hidden under the moniker of Vietnamese soup? Why, it's our old friend pho, another relative novelty in Metro Lansing.

"If I don't love it, I won't put it on the menu," Linh said. "I'm (new to barbecue), but I grew up in Vietnam with all this wonderful food that I'll share if people (respond well) to the items we have. Money is nice, but I like making people happy."

When is going out for pizza like going to the barber?

After a six-month stint at Lansing City Market, **Detroit Frankie's Wood Fired Brick Oven** is back at its original location, the socalled **Capital City Food Court** on the corner of Oakland Avenue and Cedar Street.

"I was feeling too locked in over there," says owner/operator Frank Tignanelli. "I missed the freedom. If I want to take a day off and take a motorcycle ride, I can do it again."

The return move has allowed Tignanelli to pick up additional catering jobs, and he's hoping (once again) to lure local food trucks to the parking lot of the former Arby's and make a thing out of it. **Good Truckin' Diner** got its start there as Good Truckin' Food before relocating to REO Town, and **Michael O's** developed a following before bouncing to Old Town. (Michael O's is temporarily closed while the owners are dealing with insurance companies following an incident in March when a driver struck and damaged the truck.)

"This is a great spot for an (upstart food vendor) looking to make a go of it," Tignanelli said. "This could be as big as Ann Arbor or Dallas if it caught on."

Although Tignanelli voluntarily left the Lansing City Market, he said he hasn't ruled out pairing up with another vendor someday. He said he's in talks with the owners of **American Fifth Spirits** to provide its food service, and has been approached by "a couple other places."

"But I like doing this myself — it's ironic, but I don't want to get too busy," Tignanelli said. "The whole fun is talking to people while they're waiting for their pizza. It's like getting a haircut. Just sitting and talking while I'm working. That's my favorite part."

Capital City BBQ

1026 W. Saginaw St., Lansing (inside Sunshine Cellular)

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed

Sunday (517) 775-8500, facebook.com/capitalcitybbq

Detroit Frankie's Wood Fired Brick Oven

Capital City Food Court, 500 E. Oakland Ave., Lansing Noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; closed Saturday-Sunday (17) 440 2120, dotroitfrankin com

(517) 449-2130, detroitfrankie.com

THURSDAY, JULY 2 >> BEER GROTTO AND DARK HORSE FUND-RAISER

"Cold Beer, Good Cause, Great Lakes!" That's the motto for a collaboration between the Beer Grotto and Dark Horse Brewing Co. to raise money for the Alliance for the Great Lakes, a group is dedicated to the conservation of the Great Lakes. For the month of July, when you purchase a featured Dark Horse beer at any Beer Grotto location, they will donate \$1 to the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The fundraiser kicks off with an event Thursday featuring live music from Darin Larner Jr. and exclusive brews provided by Dark Horse. 7- 10 p.m. FREE. The Beer Grotto, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Lansing. (517) 371-1080, beergrotto.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 7-8 >> ZOO DAYS AT POTTER PARK ZOO

You can enjoy a game of soccer while admiring your favorite animals this week because Zoo Days are back at Potter Park Zoo. Each day will be filled with outdoor games, activities and food stationed throughout the zoo. There will be opportunities to learn cool facts about the animals from Potter Park Zoo guides. Grab a voucher from Greater Lansing Meijer locations for discounted admission. 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. \$1 with a voucher. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4222, potterparkzoo.org/zoo-day-1.

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8-Ball Tournament. Bring your pool game to the Avenue. Call to confirm because it is cancelled occasionally. 7 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403. Capital Area Crisis Men & Women's Rugby

Practice. Weather Permitting. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing.

Hero Thursdays @ 2.0. Create paper hero crafts.

Ages 5 and up. 1-2 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Throwback Thursday: 1950's. Explore iconic moments in 50s pop culture. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com. Afternoon Book Group. Our group meets to talk about books we've read. 1-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster



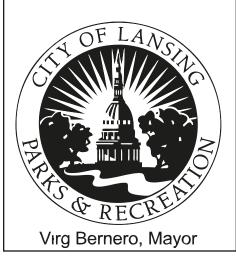
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The Free Concert in the Parks Series is held throughout the summer at selected Lansing parks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Date	Band	Park
7/4**	Lansing Concert Band	Riverfront Park
7/15	Taylor Taylor (Pop)	Ferris Park
7/22	Tejano Sound	Schmidt Center
7/29	Big Willy (Blues)	St Joe Park
8/5	Sea Cruisers (Oldies)	Turner Dodge House

** The July 4th concert is Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. and will be directly followed by fireworks (weather permitting).



Out on the town

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Library, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org. **Community Conversation.** Fermentation and

green chemical manufacturing. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos . (517) 347-2021.

MUSIC

Deacon Earl. Live blues, reggae, Americana and more. 3-6 p.m. Free. South Lansing Farmers Market, 1905 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 374-5700, southlansing.org.

Friday, July 3 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitssoinsllc.

EVENTS

Get Pop-Cultured: Dr. Who. Trivia, giveaways, special offers. 7 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

MUSIC

Summer Concert Series. Live outdoor music. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

Saturday, July 4 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi in the Park. For beginning and experienced tai chi players. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Domestic Violence Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

EVENTS

Karaoke. With Atomic D. 9 p.m. LeRoy's Classic Bar & Grill, 1526 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 482-0184.

Downtown 4th of July Parade. Holiday



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 >> PROJECT POP-UP: KUMIHIMO BRAID MAKING

The Lansing Art Gallery is bringing a taste of Japanese culture to downtown Lansing with an "artful activity" featuring kumihimo braid making. "Kumihimo" is Japanese for "gathered threads." Sharron Patchett VanCampen is a designer who works primarily with textiles. She is an expert in quilting and fiber art. VanCampen will lead a demonstration of kumihimo braid making using a braiding wheel called a Marudai frame. Participants will have a hands-on opportunity to create their own kumihimo braided cord. Noon. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (917) 374-6400, lansingartgallery.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 9–19 >> 'PROOF' AT OVER THE LEDGE THEATRE CO.

What do you get when you Combine mathematics and mental illness?

"Proof." From American playwright, David Auburn, "Proof" is a drama about the life of Catherine, who is dealing with the death of her father, a mathematical genius who was mentally ill. Following his death, Catherine meets one of her fathers' ex-graduate students who discovers a paradigm-shifting proof about prime numbers in Robert's office. The play follows Catherine through her attempts to prove the proof's authorship and her struggle to stay sane. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. overtheledge.org.

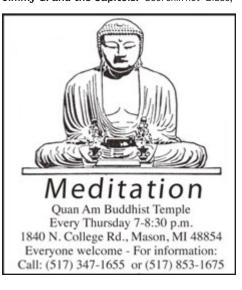
THURSDAY, JULY 9 >> MOONLIGHT FILM FESTIVAL: INTO THE WOODS

Have you ever imagined running into Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Rapunzel? Well, East Lansing's Moonlight Film Festival is bringing you the next best thing with a special outdoor viewing of "Into the Woods." This new age fantasy follows a baker and his wife on an adventure to break an old witch's curse. They creep into the woods three days before the rise of the blue moon and embark on a journey they will never forget. This is the first film of the Moonlight series and you can enjoy a live performance from Taylor Taylor an hour before show time. Goomba's Pizza will have pizza and snacks available to purchase. The event will be canceled due to rain and/or severe weather. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/445/Moonlight-Film-Festival.

parade on Capital Ave. 11 a.m. FREE. Downtown Lansing, Washington Square between Michigan and Washtenaw avenues, Lansing. (517) 483-4277, lansingmi.gov/parks.

Dinosaurs Before Dark. Activities, giveaways and a special offer. 10 a.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

MUSIC Jimmy G. and the Capitols. "Scorchin'hot" Blues,



Rock and R&B/Soul. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-9910.

Summer Concert Series. Live outdoor music, 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888. cityofeastlansing.com/455/Summer-Concert-Series.

Sunday, July 5 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 371-5119, ruetenik@gmail.com. Pokemon/Magic the Gathering Card Games. Tutorials. Starter decks provided. 12:30 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com. Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org. Parents of LGBTQ kids. Weekly support group.

Out on the town

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All faiths are welcome. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. Diversity Psychological Services, 1310 Turner St., Lansing. (720) 401-4214.

EVENTS

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Lessons 6-6:30 p.m., dance 7-10 p.m. \$8 dance/\$10 dance & lesson/FREE for students. The Lansing Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838. East Lansing Farmers Market. Essential food items and much more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/FarmersMarket. Memories on Maps by Elisa. Art exhibition featuring paintings on maps. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Katalyst Gallery, 1214 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 708-8916. Get Pop-Cultured: Outlander. Trivia, giveaways, and more. 2 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn. com

First Sunday: Featured Artists. 35 local artists are featured in July, Noon-4 p.m. FREE. Great Lakes Art Works, 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293, greatlakesartworks.com.

Monday, July 6 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

Job Seekers Support Group. Finding the right career. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org. Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's

Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org. Line Dancing. 3:15-4:15 p.m. \$8/\$6 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046. Reiki for Relaxation. Healing technique for physical and emotional well being. 1-3 p.m. \$12 per 15 min session. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

EVENTS

Mac's Monday Comedy Night. Hosted by Mark Roebuck and Dan Currie. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, macsbar.com.

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

Better Living Book Club. "Twinkie Deconstructed" by Steven Ettlinger. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Monday Make & Take Hero Crafts. Make super hero crafts to take home, 11 a.m.-noon, FREE.

East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Tuesday, July 7 **CLASSES AND SEMINARS**

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. EVERYbody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda. org.

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176. Transgender Support Group. Discussion for parents, guardians, siblings and extended family. 7:15-9 p.m. FREE. Call for location. (517) 927-8260. Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Have a support

THURSDAY, JULY 9 >> FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT AT CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD

The Old Town General Store's next installment of Concerts in the Courtyard features a performance from Four Shillings Short. This husband and wife duo performs traditional and original music from the Celtic islands, Medieval Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas on an array of over 30 instruments. Christy Martin, multiinstrumentalist and vocalist, took up folk music in the '80s. Aodh Óg Ó Tuama, an Ireland native, studies Medieval and Renaissance music. The group has toured in the U.S. and Ireland since 1997. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Old Town General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-6847, oldtown-generalstore.com/concerts-in-the-courtyard.

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system, lose weight. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

Not So Happy Endings Support Group. For women ending relationships. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-3311.

Hopeful Hearts Grief Group. Learn. grow and heal together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. The Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing.

(517) 381-4866. Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Aux Petits Soins. French immersion class for babies. 4:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. \$12/\$15 drop-in. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, facebook.com/auxpetitssoin

Overeaters Anonymous. To support you in your weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 290-5163.

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Guided Meditation. For mental, physical and emotional health. 4 p.m. \$2/\$1 non-member. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Compassionate Friends of Lansing. Support group for grieving parents. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army (South) Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 351-6480.

TCOA Lunch. Social event with a nutritionally balanced meal. Noon, \$3 suggested donation. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Reflexology. Stimulate circulation, improve nerve and blood supply. 10 a.m.-noon, \$14/\$12 members per 15 min. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Restorative Yoga. 3-3:50 p.m. \$56/\$40 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): To determine whether you are aligned with the cosmic flow, please answer the following questions. 1. Would you say that your current situation is more akin to treading water in a mosquito-ridden swamp, or conducting a ritual of purification in a clear mountain stream? 2. Have you been wrestling with boring ghosts and arguing with traditions that have lost most of their meaning? Or have you been transforming your past and developing a riper relationship with your roots? 3. Are you stuck in a gooey muck? Or are you building a flexible new foundation?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taurus singer Sam Smith won four Grammys this year, largely on the strength of his hit single "Stay with Me." The song has a lush gospel choir backing up his lead vocals, or so it seems. But in fact, every voice in that choir is his own. He recorded twenty separate harmony tracks that were woven together to create the big sound. What would be the equivalent in your world, Taurus? How could you produce a wealth of support for yourself? What might you do to surround yourself with a web of help and nourishment? How can you amplify and intensify your efforts so they have more clout? Now would be an excellent time to explore possibilities like these.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Born under the sign of Gemini, Gustave Courbet (1819-1877) was a French painter who upset traditionalists. Unlike many of his contemporaries, he wasn't interested in creating idealistic art based on historical and religious themes. He focused on earthy subjects about which he had direct experience. like the day-to-day lives of peasants and laborers. So even though he became a highly praised celebrity by his mid-thirties, the arbiters of the art world tried to exclude him. For example, they denied him a place in Exposition Universelle, a major international exhibition in Paris. In response, Courbet built a temporary gallery next door to the main hall, where he displayed his own work. As you strive to get your voice heard, Gemini, I urge you to be equally cheeky and innovative. Buy yourself a megaphone or erect your own clubhouse or launch a new enterprise. Do whatever it takes to show who you really are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "I am trying to be unfamiliar with what I am doing," said composer John Cage in describing his creative process. That's excellent counsel for you to meditate on, Cancerian. The less expertise and certainty you have about the rough magic you're experimenting with, the more likely it is that this magic will lead you to useful breakthroughs. To bolster Cage's advice and help you get the most from your period of self-reinvention, I offer you this quote from Picasso: "I imitate everyone except myself."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your words of wisdom come from Leo artist Andy Warhol: "Sometimes people let the same problem make them miserable for years, when they could just say, 'so what.' That's one of my favorite things to say. 'So what.'" Can I interest you in that approach, Leo? It has similarities to the Buddhist strategy of cultivating non-attachment -- of dropping your fixations about matters that can't be controlled or changed. But I suspect you would draw special benefits from the breezy, devil-may-care spirit of Warhol's version. So start there

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In her late twenties, J. K. Rowling was a single mother living on welfare. That's when she began work on her Harry Potter books. Craig Newmark had turned 42 by the time he founded Craigslist. One of the world's most oft-visited websites is HuffingtonPost.com, which Arianna Huffington established when she was 54. As for Harland Sanders, creator of KFC: He didn't begin building the global empire of fried-chicken restaurants until the age of 65. I hope the preceding serves as a pep talk, Virgo, reminding you that it's never to late to instigate the project of a lifetime. The time between now and your birthday in 2016 will be an especially favorable phase to do so. Start ruminating on what it might be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's the power-building phase of your astrological cycle. To take maximum advantage, convey the following message to your subconscious mind: "I know you will provide me with an abundance of insight, inspiration, and energy for whatever intention I choose to focus on. And during the next four weeks, my intention will be to cultivate, expand, and refine my personal power. I will especially focus on what author Stephen R. Covey called 'the capacity to overcome deeply embedded habits and to cultivate higher, more effective ones."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I'm a big fan of science and logic and objective thinking. Most of us need more of that good stuff. The world would be a saner, safer place if we all got regular lessons on how to be more reasonable and rational. But in the immediate future, Scorpio, I'll steer you in a different direction. I believe you will benefit from injecting your imagination with primal raw crazy wild mojo. For example, you might read utopian science fiction and fairy tales about talking animals and poetry that scrambles your intellectual constructs. You could remember your dreams and ruminate about them as if they were revelations from the Great Beyond. You may also find it healthy to fantasize profusely about forbidden and impossible and hilarious adventures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There are lots of inquiries and invitations coming your way -- perhaps too many. I don't think you should pursue all of them. In fact, I suspect that only one would ultimately make you a better human being and a braver explorer and a wiser lover. And that one, at first glance, may have not as much initial appeal as some of the others. So your first task is to dig deep to identify the propositions that are attractive on the surface but not very substantial. Then you're more likely to recognize the offer that will have lasting value even if it doesn't make a spectacular first impression.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "I find a lot of people physically attractive, but finding people mentally and spiritually attractive is different and much harder for me." So says 40ozshawty on her Tumblr page. If you share that frustration, I have good news. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you're due to encounter a higher-than-usual percentage of mentally and spiritually attractive people in the next six weeks. But I wonder how you'll deal with this abundance. Will you run away from it, feeling overwhelmed by the prospect that your life could get more interesting and complicated? Or will you embrace it, daringly welcoming the interesting complications?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I think you will generate good fortune for yourself by choosing between two equally invigorating but challenging tasks: losing your illusion or using your illusion. Both are quite worthy of your attention and intelligence. To succeed at either would fuel your emotional growth for months to come. You probably can't do them both, however. So which will it be: Will you purge the illusion, or put it to work for you?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do you sometimes imagine yourself to be an underachieving underdog^P If so, I suggest you start weaning yourself from that fantasy. Do you on occasion allow people to take advantage of you? It's time to outgrow that role. Do you ever flirt with being a self-pitying martyr? Say bye-bye to that temptation. Cosmic forces are conspiring to relieve you of tendencies to act in any or all of those ways. I'm not saying you will instantly transform into a swashbuckling hero who knocks people over with your radiant selfassurance. But you will, at the very least, be ready to learn much, much more about how to wield your vulnerability as a superpower.

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Out on the town

everyday settings. 6 p.m. FREE. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600, bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.

Capital Area Crisis Men & Women's Rugby Practice. Weather Permitting. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale, Lansing.

Play in the Park. Children's entertainment series. Creative Dance with Mary Jane Gamble. 7 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct. East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com. Alphabet Heroes Tuesdays. Early literacy program about the alphabet. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Summer Tutoring. Get help from local high school students. K-6. 10:30 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

THEATRE

"A Truly Original Superhero." Lively music and lots of laughs with Acting Up Theatre Co. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

Wednesday, July 8 classes and seminars

Family Storytime. Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 351-5866. Basics of Microsoft Excel. Educational class. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4394, .iteclansing.org. Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215. Jazzercize. Strengthen muscle mass, increase bone density. 10-11 a.m. Call for price. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

Parlons Francais. French class. Focus on listening and speaking. 1-2 p.m. \$50/\$30 for members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

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Allen Market Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Open Workshop. Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

Practice Your English. Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Project 60/50: Wonder Women. "Wonder Women!" film and discussion. 6:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Stories in the Garden. Teens read to children at MSU 4H Children's Garden, 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU 4-H Children's Garden, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Get Pop-Cultured: DC Days. Giveaways and special offers on DC Comics. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble (Lansing), 5132 W Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437, bn.com.

Income Based Energy Efficiency @ ANC. Coffee and presentation with guest speaker. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Willy Wonka Interactive Movie. FREE family event. Registration required. 5:15-7 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156, dewittlibrary.org.

CADL at Potter Park Zoo Days. Participate in scavenger hunt and win NCG movie pa, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4221, potterparkzoo.org. Steven's Puppets. All ages. Bringing the timeless tale of Aladdin to life. 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

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Sam Copperman. Jazz virtuoso Sam Copperman and friends perform. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/ AllenStreetFarmersMarket.

Music in the Village. Blue Water Ramblers. Folk/ americana. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 347-7300, meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

St. Johns Concert in the Park. The Pete "Big Dog" Fetters Band out of Detroit. 7 p.m. Donations Accepted. St. Johns City Park Performance Shell, 800 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

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And the rosé's red glare Budget-friendly

wines for weekend grilling By JUSTIN KING

It was a rough ride on the way to finding the ideal style of wine to pair with a hot dog, but a proper experiment needs to accumulate a large enough sample size. First you start with the correct gear: skinless Frank-

furters from Flint-based Koegel Meats. There are non-believers out there, but you don't need that negativity in your life. They will critique your grill tactics and diss your music.



For Fourth of July grilling, there's no need to throw your hard-earned dough at the top shelf bottles. It's a day for outdoor celebration and Van Halen records (the selftitled debut and Fair Warning, preferably — and no Van Hagar), so it's value time in freedom city.

Luckily, not only does dry rosé come cheap, but it tastes like lip-smacking fruit punch with your hot dogs. The winner comes from an enormous financier of the American Revolution: France.

I know what you're thinking, but don't worry. There's plenty of room for America in this column. Let's be real about the present situation: France is the king of dry rosé.

Domaine de Pellehaut rosé from the 2014 vintage is a total steal at \$11. From just southeast of Bordeaux, this wine smells and tastes like fruit straight from the Kool-Aid Man: strawberries, cherries and orange peel. For the money, this merlot/tannat blend might be the rosé of the summer. For those that don't dig sweet wines, no need to worry. There's no sugar here. This is the kind of wine that should please just about any summer wine drinker, and it paired with the Koegels in a jaunty fun bath for my mouth.

Zinfandel is a grape that is often maligned, but there's plenty of it out there that tastes like the heavens parting when it swishes against your meat remnants. California's Easton Wines may be the best producer of zinfandel under \$20. Both its 2011 and 2012 zinfandels, at \$18, are robust and smoky with loads of fruit and thankfully stopping short of a clumsy alcohol-bomb that so often happens.

If you are planning to grill some tasty fish and vegetables, take a look at Bonny Doon's 2013 albarino. Twenty years ago, albarino wasn't on anyone's radar. But thanks to the maritime-influenced Galician viticulture



Photo by Justin King for City Pulse

Whether you're grilling hot dogs or beef kebabs this weekend, there are plenty of budget-friendly wines to wash down your meal.

in northwest Spain, the grape is not so far down on the pecking order. Few domestic growers have produced a worthy albarino for the money, but California-based Bonny Doon is one of them. Lemon, pear and apple flavors are all over this, but it's not insanely fruity or heavy.

While many will pair burgers with beer this weekend, there are options for the winelovers as well. The problem is that burgers are sloppy, greasy mounds of confusion. They send signals to our brains telling us to eat more, to voraciously consume any animal proteins in our current zip code. For all of that grill magic, you need a saucy, spicy

red wine.

This is where garnacha steps up. (Garnacha is the Spainish name, the French call it grenache.) This grape is known for its red licorice and anise flavors and for its tendency to show heavier alcohol compared to other grapes.

The 2012 Castillo de Monséran garnacha shows earthy, peppery flavors as well as meaty, savory ones, but it still tastes like blackberries and currants. Garnacha wines often gets close to the threshold of 15 percent alcohol, where it gets a bit overwhelming. Castillo de Monséran's clocks in at 12.5 percent, which is excellent news for grill chefs looking to avoid high-alcohol wine. This \$9 bottle from Cariñena (halfway between Barcelona and Madrid) is better than most red wines restaurants serve by the glass for the same price or more.

If these wines don't sound appetizing enough to wash down your sloppy freedom meals, that's OK. We happen to live in a magnificent beer state with wonderful options in all directions of the mitten. Talk to any of your local independent purveyors, and they will assuredly find some inexpensive beer and wine gems for you to throw back over the weekend.

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