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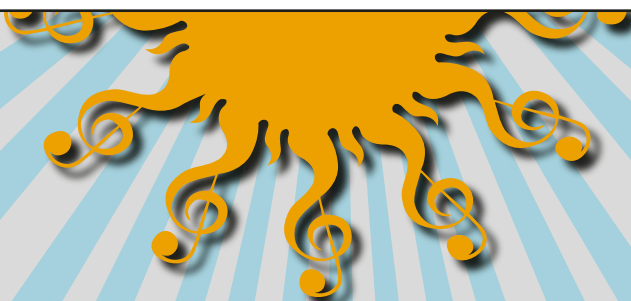
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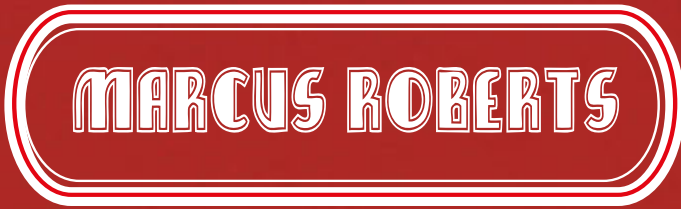
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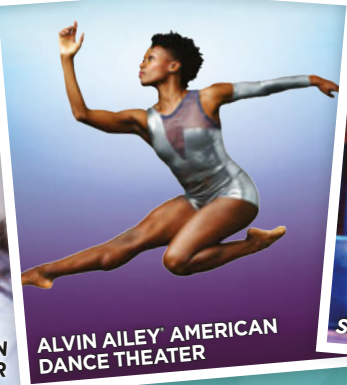
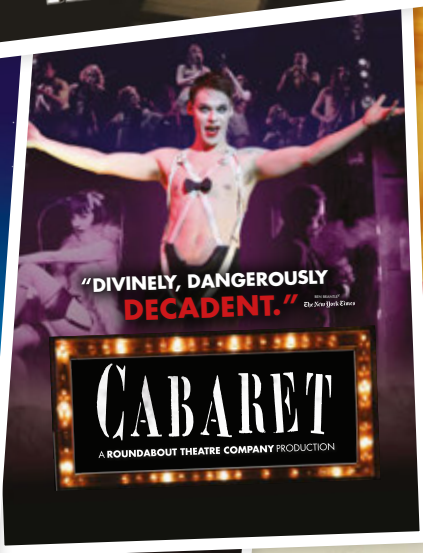
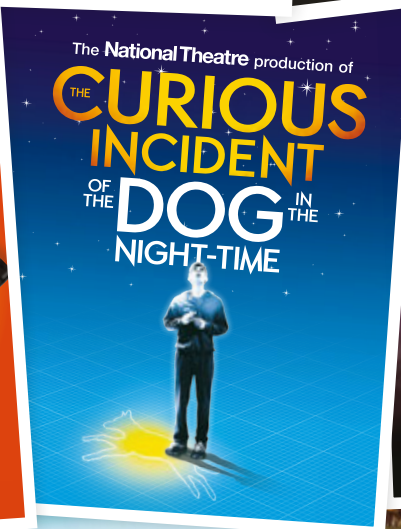
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing City Council on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider **Ordinance No. 1372**; an ordinance to amend section 26-52 of Division 2 - Disorderly Conduct - of Article II – Offenses Against Public Peace and Order - of Chapter 26 - Offenses – Of the Code of the City of East Lansing

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Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk

CP#16-135

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The proposed facilities include the following properties:

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THE THOUGHT DID CROSS MY MIND. UGH, YOU ARE SO PREDICTABLE.

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I'M SORRY, LITTLE GUN FRIEND! I DON'T KNOW WHY THE LIBTARDS HARBOR SUCH IRRATIONAL HATRED FOR YOU!

OKAY--SO WHAT IF A TRANSGENDER OPEN-CARRY ACTIVIST TAKES A GUN INTO A BATHROOM?

THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT! NOT PRECIOUS, INNOCENT GUNS!

I'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN I COME TO IT.

TOM TOMORROW © 2016

Substation in trouble

Council opposition may force BWL plan to a referendum

Critics on the Lansing City Council have the votes to kill a controversial plan to turn a downtown park near REO Town into the home of a power substation.

But the plan may not be dead, because a Council majority backs letting voters decide. If the citizens approve, then the plan could proceed, albeit subject to final approval by the Council.

The Board of Water & Light has proposed building the Central Substation in Scott Park at Washington Avenue and Malcolm X Street south of I-496. To do so, the nearly 100-year-old Scott house would have to be moved or demolished and its sunken gardens relocated nearby. Preservationists and Garden Club members have campaigned to prevent either from happening.

Council members Carol Wood, Jody Washington, Adam Hussain, Judi Brown Clarke, and Patricia Spitzley favor a referendum, and Jessica Yorko said she is leaning toward it. Five votes are needed to place it on the ballot and six to protect it from being vetoed by Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, who favors the plan.

“The Scott Center is dedicated park property,” said Wood, an at-large member. “You cannot give it away without a vote of the people. Period.”

Randy Hannan, the mayor’s chief of staff, said rejecting the plan “would be a devastating blow to the BWL’s efforts to update the electric transmission infrastructure that Lansing residents and businesses depend on every day. Such a rejection would delay the closing of the coal-fired Eckert plant by an additional seven years at a cost of \$30 million.”

Proponents believe a referendum is unnecessary because the proposal has had numerous public hearings and meetings. A vote could not occur until at least November, putting the groundbreaking date of the project back by several months. BWL officials have said they wanted to break ground right after Labor Day.

In April, after hearing hours of public testimony — mostly against the plan — the city’s Park Board supported the plan by voting 5-3 to remove the property’s parkland designation.

In May, with many opponents in the audience, the Planning Board delayed a vote till this month. Both boards are only advisory.

Utility officials call the city park location the “only viable option” for the proposed substation, which would serve downtown.

The current substation is located at



Ty Forquer/City Pulse

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero announces a plan to make the Scott Center house the centerpiece of an “affordable” housing project on a vacant city lot at MLK Boulevard and Hillsdale Street. Moving the house there would depend on the approval of turning Scott Park into the home of a proposed power substation.

the Eckert Power Station along the Grand River in REO Town in a floodplain, which the BWL says is too risky.

The coal-fired Eckert plant is due to be closed in 2020.

BWL officials say that building a new substation at Eckert above the floodplain would continue the emissions of coal dust and other pollutants and cost \$43 million more than the \$26 million one proposed for Scott Park. Of that, \$13 million would be for building in the floodplain, while the remaining \$30 million would be used to continue operating Eckert for seven more years.

The utility plans to shut down Eckert on Jan. 1, 2020. It is looking at \$1.69 billion in energy infrastructure and generation proposals to replace the energy created by the plant. Serkaian said Tuesday that an additional \$30 million spent to continue operations would not impact the other energy development proposal costs.

Brown Clarke, the Council’s president, dismissed concerns about building in the floodplain. She pointed to the SkyVue project under construction on Michigan Avenue and the Frandor shopping center as examples of projects in floodplains. She pointed to the proposed Red Cedar Renaissance project on the former Red Cedar Golf Course as another example.

The issue at play is whether allowing the BWL to use the park runs afoul of the City Charter’s requirement that the “sale” of parkland and riverfront property — the park represents both — be subject to approval of the people through a vote.

Hannan challenged that contention. He said the park would still remain city property because the BWL is in essence part of the city government as a public utility.

However, city assessor property records show that all the property held by the BWL lists the utility as the taxpayer of record, not the city. Hannan said Tuesday the property would remain titled to the city.

Wood questioned whether the utility could finance the project without title to the property. She said based on her review of the City Charter Commission minutes, transfer of parkland — not just a sale — requires a vote of the people.


The park property hosts the former home of Orien Jenison, an early city leader. Moved to the park in the 1970s, the city had rented space in it for offices for nonprofits. But in recent years, it has only been used for storage and has been poorly maintained.


At a press conference Tuesday, the city, the BWL and Habitat for Humanity announced a proposal to move the house to a vacant city lot at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Hillsdale Street. The house would become the centerpiece of what Bernero described as an “affordable” housing project.

If the substation proposal does end up on the ballot, TJ Bucholz, president of Vanguard Public Affairs, said the utility would need to spend \$75,000 to win approval, while opponents could expect to spend \$40,000 to \$50,000.

— Todd Heywood







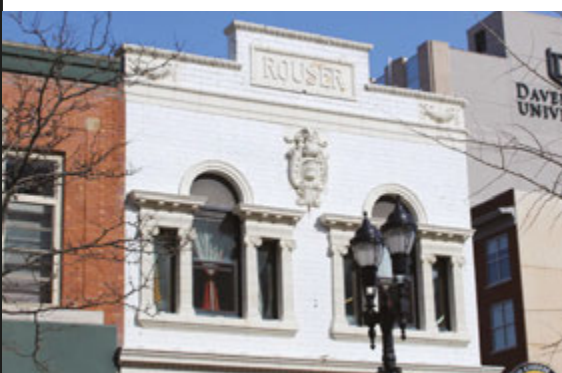
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Alois Sandner of Lansing was the first person to correctly identify the April 27 “Eye for Design,” noting that the detail “can be found on one-time apothecary shop” on the corner of Washington Square and Allegan Street.

In addition to the the featured detail, which shows a pharmaceutical mortar and pestle, another glazed terra cotta ornament in the upper cornice identifies this building as the former C. J. Rouser Drug Co.

The first person to correctly identify the location of the detail above, which is in East Lansing, will receive a City Pulse Eye for Design mug. Send your answer to debollman@comcast.net by Wednesday, June 8.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA



PUBLIC NOTICES

Budget Hearing Notice

The Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy will be holding its annual budget hearing on June 13th, 2016 at 5:00pm. The location will be the Board Room located at 730 W. Maple St, Lansing MI 48906. The 2016-2017 budget is available for public inspection at 730 W. Maple St, Lansing, MI 48906. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Mia McNeil, Board President

CP#16-119

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ACT 198 OF 1974 AS AMENDED

Please take notice that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of East Lansing on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing, regarding the formation of an Industrial Development District, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1974, as amended. Spartan PV 1, LLC. has submitted an application for an exemption of new personal property tax at facilities to be located at five different locations on the campus of Michigan State University, including Parking Lot 83, Parking Lot 89, Parking Lot 91, Parking Lot 92 and Parking Lot 100

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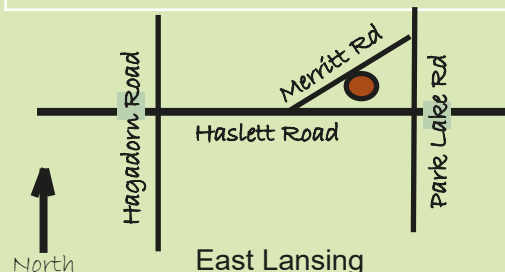
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TOP OF THE TOWN WINNERS WELCOME NEWCOMERS

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

Lansing is in the middle of an awesome culture wave. We'll brag to future generations things like, "Remember waiting an hour in line just to get the Matador Omelet at Golden Harvest?" Or, "Remember how Soup Spoon Café's French onion soup tasted just like the one we had in Paris?" Or, "Remember when that clown from Ann Arbor was fulfilling his promise to run the state like a business and Flint got poisoned?"

OK, so maybe it's not perfect. It can't be all Angry Mayor IPA and Crack Fries, which those future Lansing-ites will hopefully still be enjoying along with their DeLuca's seafood pizza and MSU Dairy Store lemon custard. But right now, it's an incredible time here in the capital city to revel in world-class barbecue cuisine, stadium-sized produce stores and free weekly standup comedy and beer-by-the-bucket specials. In 2016, Lansing is so Lansing it hurts.

This year, the top 10 vote-getters in the annual City Pulse Top of the Town Awards represent a perfect snapshot of everything that makes it so good to be a local culture consumer. Of the 122 categories there were to vote in, it's notable that the top non-governor-specific entries had something to do with eating or drinking. Which just proves that, yeah, when it really comes down to it, we're a sustenance-craving kinda people.

No revelation there, but there were a couple of surprises in this year's tally.

The first surprise comes from the two entries to crack the top 10 on the strength of only one category, with the rest collecting votes from between two and 10. With the Flint water crisis still fueling recall petitions and giving the state an international black eye, **Rick Snyder** was a verifiable shoo-in in the category of **Worst/Local State Politician**. The Tough Nerd received 3,479 votes. For comparison, the only other single-category appearance was by **Meat Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine**, which garnered 3,761 in **Best Barbecue**. Our voters love two things, apparently: throwing down on hickory-smoked barbecue ribs and hating Snyder.

The second surprise comes from the only business on the list that wasn't even a business this time last year. **Lansing Brewing Co.**, which only opened seven months ago, had the second-most total votes at 5,864. It took first in **Best Lansing-area Brewery** and **Best New Restaurant**, and second in Best Lansing-area Distillery, Best Craft Beer Selection and Best Local Outing With Friends. Expect this newcomer to stick around in the Top of the Town for awhile.

Leaping past Lansing Brewing Co. to take top honors of **Best Craft Beer Selection** is **HopCat**, which rounded up 3,750 votes. The 3-year-old craft beer bar's signature Crack Fries (they're as addictive as

crack!) won for **Best Fries**, and it took second for Best Hangout for Students. With 4,578 votes, the **MSU Dairy Store** placed first in both **Best Dessert** and **Best Ice Cream Shop**. With record scorching temps expected this summer, many of those voters will probably be bumping into each other in line over the next few months. And speaking of lines, perennial favorite **Golden Harvest** reaped 5,106 votes, taking first for **Best Diner** as well as for **Best Breakfast**.

Another returning champ is **Soup Spoon Café**, which spread its 4,558 votes among **Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-Free**, and second in Best Breakfast, Best Sandwich/Deli and Best First Date Place. It also came in third for Upscale Dining — the downtown bistro's Shrimp "Voodoo" Pasta is still working its black magic after a full decade. Happy 10th anniversary, guys!

DeLuca's Restaurant has been kicking it for a bit longer than that, 56 years, proving that local taste buds have a sense of history, too. There were 5,432 of you who helped propel the north Lansing eatery, now on its third generation of owners, into first place as **Best Italian** and **Best Pizza**. It also took third for Best First Date Place. After more than half a century, it would be interesting to know how many of those voters are the product of their parents' first dates there. Eh, maybe we don't want to know.

Riding the success of its eponymous hamburger and its weekly live entertain-

ment showcases, **Crunchy's** gobbled up 5,438 votes, taking first for **Best Burger**, **Best Karaoke** and **Best Hangout for Students**. It also came in third for Best Craft Beer Selection, Best Pub/Tavern, Best Spartan Sports Hangout and Best Happy Hour. The secret of its popularity could be the 27 taps, the Sunday half-off pizza deals, or the beer buckets, which — and I can't stress this enough — seriously come in mop buckets.

With 15,365 votes, **Horrocks Farm Market** drew nearly three times as many votes as second-place finisher, Lansing Brewing Co. Horrocks won for — deep breath — **Best Beer Selection**, **Best Florist**, **Best Gardening Center**, **Best Local Grocery Store**, **Best Michigan Products**, **Best Organic/Natural Market**, **Best Produce/Farmers Market**, **Best Wine Shop** and **Best Convenience/Liquor Store**. (phew). The overachiever didn't sweep all its categories, however. It came in second for Best Candy Shop.

The Top of the Town Awards is, of course, a popularity contest, and not a true measure of subjective greatness — that would require a far more refined tool and decidedly less campaigning. But for posterity's sake, they do a cracker job of capturing the zeitgeist of what it means to be out there doing stuff in Metro Lansing. So yeah, future generations, it's pretty great to be around right now. Here's your proof.

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BEST DINING

Best Asian Buffet: Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar — Okemos

Get dinner and a show at Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar. Ukai has been entertaining its guests with its food preparation for over 20 years

now, all while providing one of the best buffets in town.

2. Asian Buffet — Okemos
3. Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet

Best Bakery: Bake n' Cakes

The motto at Bake n' Cakes is

“butter makes it better,” and apparently Lansing agrees. The bakery at the southwestern edge of Frandor takes home this year’s award for best bakery.

2. Roma Bakery
3. Glazed & Confused

Best Burger: Crunchy's

Just a stone’s throw away from MSU’s campus, Crunchy’s has been serving up half-pound burgers and buckets of beer for 33 years.

2. Five Guys Burgers & Fries
3. Dagwood's

Best Barbecue: Meat Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine

Leading the pack in Lansing’s barbecue renaissance is Meat, Old Town’s purveyor of smoked meats.

2. Saddleback BBQ
3. Famous Dave’s

Best Chinese: P.F. Chang’s

P.F. Chang’s extensive menu provides its guests with all the variety they could ask for.

2. Chen’s Restaurant
3. Charlie Kang’s East Lansing

Best Breakfast: Golden Harvest

Golden Harvest isn’t a restaurant. It’s a temple devoted to breakfast. Golden Harvesters willingly stand for hours in line for the chance to sit in a cramped diner while being blasted with punk rock music, all for the chance to sample Golden Harvest’s breakfast concoctions.

2. Soup Spoon Café
3. Fleetwood Diner

Best Cocktails: Zoobie's

Zoobie’s has a full bar, but its specialty is a lineup of variations on the Moscow Mule, all served in the traditional copper cups.

2. Houlihan's
3. American Fifth Spirits

Best Craft Beer Selection: HopCat

When it comes to craft beer selection, it’s hard to beat HopCat’s

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2. Lansing Brewing Co.
3. Crunchy's

Best Dessert: MSU Dairy Store

With Big Ten-themed flavors like Buckeye Blitz and Terrapin Toffee Twirl, the MSU Dairy Store has been satisfying campus ice cream cravings for years.

2. Grand Traverse Pie Co.
3. Bake n' Cakes

Best Diner: Golden Harvest

Leave your expectations of what a diner should look like at the door when you enter Golden Harvest. Tradition isn't on the menu at this unique breakfast spot.

2. Fleetwood Diner
3. Good Truckin' Diner

Best Fish Fry: Eastside Fish Fry

This no-nonsense fish shop serves up a variety of fresh fish, lightly battered and expertly seasoned.

2. Claddagh
3. Fresh Fish Market



Best Fries: HopCat

Hot, crispy french fries, lightly beer-battered and sprinkled with salt and cracked black pepper — those are Crack Fries, HopCat's signature menu item. The East Lansing location has been serving up the famed fries since 2013.

2. Five Guys Burgers & Fries
3. Cosmos

Best Greek: Lou and Harry's

Fast casual eatery Lou and Harry's, Louha's to regulars, serves up Greek specialties like gyros and spinach pie, as well as a full complement of salads, sandwiches and burgers.

2. Olga's
3. Zeus' Coney Island

Best Ice Cream Shop: MSU Dairy

With a flavor for every school in the Big Ten and then some, the MSU Dairy Store has become a go-to ice cream spot for students and locals alike.

2. Tasty Twist
3. ColdStone Creamery

Best Italian: DeLuca's

North Lansing Italian joint DeLuca's has been whipping up Italian specialties since before many of our readers were born. Founded in 1960 as the Willow Bar, this restaurant has a faithful following among pasta and pizza lovers.

2. Cugino's
3. Bravo

Best Mediterranean: Woody's Oasis

Woody's Oasis takes this year's prize for Best Mediterranean. The local chain specializes in Mediterranean staples like shawarma, kebabs, hummus and baklava.

2. Zaytoon
3. Aladdin's

Best Mexican: El Azteco

Now in its 40th year, East Lansing

eatery El Azteco took home the prize for Best Mexican food this year. Taco fans can celebrate the victory by raising a margarita on El Az's rooftop patio.

2. Cancun Mexican Grill
3. El Oasis truck

Best New Restaurant: Lansing Brewing Co.

Home of the Angry Mayor IPA, Lansing Brewing Co. has quickly become a downtown Lansing hotspot. The brewery takes this year's award for Best New Restaurant.

2. Creole Coffee Co./The Creole
3. Saddleback BBQ

Best Pizza: DeLuca's

This north Lansing pizza joint serves up everything from traditional pies to a seafood pizza with imitation crab and shrimp to a Philadelphia special topped with roast beef and onions.

2. Cosmos
3. Pizza House

Best Sandwich/Deli: Jersey Giant

Michigan-based sandwich chain Jersey Giant has been serving up New Jersey-style subs to Greater Lansing since 1979.

2. Soup Spoon Café
3. Jimmy Johns

Best Seafood: Mitchell's Fish Market

Guests can treat themselves to seafood dishes like bacon wrapped barbeque shrimp and tempura lobster bites and happy hour martinis at Eastwood Towne Center's Mitchell's Fish Market.

2. Red Lobster
3. Maru

Best Steak: Capital Prime

Eastwood Towne Center's Capital Prime has become Greater Lansing's go-to spot for quality steak. Guests can treat themselves to steaks like the

New York strip and the hanger steak in an upscale atmosphere.

2. Texas Roadhouse
3. Knight Cap

Best Sushi: Maru

Maru offers beautiful, colorful displays of sushi, featuring fresh ingredients like tuna, squid, salmon and eel.

2. Sansu
3. Ukai (West Lansing)

Best Thai: Bangkok House

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, Bangkok House, which reopened in January after a kitchen fire forced it to close for seven months, returns to capture this year's Best Thai award.

2. No Thai!
3. Thai Princess

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Best Upscale Dining: Capital Prime

Eastwood Towne Center steakhouse Capital Prime is known for its high-quality entrees and upscale atmosphere.

2. English Inn
3. Soup Spoon Café

Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-free: Soup Spoon Café

City Pulse readers voted Soup Spoon Café's variety of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options as the best in the region.

2. Red Haven
3. Better Health Store

BEST HANGOUTS

Best Biggby: Delta Township — 2002 W. Saginaw Highway

In Greater Lansing, it feels like you're never more than a scone's throw away from a Biggby. Our readers chose the chain's Delta Township location as this year's Best Biggby.

2. East Lansing — 3499 E. Lake Lansing Road
3. Okemos — 4756 Marsh Road

Best Coffee Shop (non-Biggby): Strange Matter Coffee Co.

Upscale coffee stop Strange Matter Coffee Co. is winning over Lansing coffee snobs with its assortment of espresso drinks, pour-over coffees and cold brews, not to mention its oh-so-Instagramable drinkware.

2. Starbucks
3. (tie) Coffee Barrel and Espresso Royale

Best Dance Bar: Green Door

Offering live entertainment seven nights a week with music ranging from blues to classic rock to upbeat funk, Green Door was voted the best spot to break it down on the dance

floor.

2. Spiral Dance Bar
3. Tequila Cowboy

Best Hangout for Students: Crunchy's

Known for its burgers, buckets of beer and popular karaoke nights, Crunchy's took the top spot as the Best Hangout for Students.

2. HopCat
3. Pinball Pete's

Best Gay/Lesbian Bar: Spiral Dance Bar

Catering to the LGBTQ community since 1998, Spiral's funky decor, expansive bar and extravagant events helped it take the top spot for the Best Gay/Lesbian bar.

2. Esquire
3. Zoobie's

Best Happy Hour: Houlihan's

With drink specials starting at \$2 and small portions of appetizers just \$3.95, Houlihan's is the place to be

during happy hour. Happy "hour" is a misnomer here; the bar offers specials from 3 p.m. to close Monday through Friday and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

2. Zoobie's
3. Crunchy's

Best Karaoke: Crunchy's

Crunchy's has been offering its popular karaoke nights since 1995. Warm up your vocal cords and get in on the fun Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights, or just grab a craft brew and enjoy the show.

2. Green Door
3. Sir Pizza Grand Café

Best Lansing-area Brewery: Lansing Brewing Co.

Lansing Brewing Co. hit the ground running this year, opening in October with 12 taps of locally brewed beers. The Stadium District brewery edged out fellow newcomer Ellison Brewery + Spirits and pushed some of the area's established brewer-

ies out of the top three.

2. Ellison Brewery + Spirits
3. Eaglemonk Pub & Brewery

Best Lansing-area Distillery: American Fifth Spirits

American Fifth Spirits is proud that it is Lansing's first distillery. Using locally sourced ingredients, the Stadium District distillery churns out its flagship vodka, Hue, as well as Fat Five unaged whiskey, Capital Gin and the brand new Turtleback Rum.

2. Lansing Brewing Co.
3. Red Cedar Spirits

Best Movie Theater: NCG

Known for its wide selection of movies, family-friendly environment and \$2 Tuesdays, NCG took this year's award for Best Movie Theater.

2. Celebration! Cinema
3. Studio C!

Best Music Venue: Green Door

The Green Door is a prime spot to catch live music seven nights a week. The Michigan Avenue venue hosts everything from blues to funk to hip hop.

2. Loft
3. Wharton Center

Best Open-mic night: Green Door — Comedy Night

Green Door's Comedy Night took this year's award for Best Open-mic Night, beating out some of the region's best known musical open mic nights.

2. Avenue Café
3. Moriarty's

Best Patio: Waterfront Bar & Grill

While there are plenty of places to enjoy a burger in the open air, it's hard to beat Waterfront Bar & Grill's riverside location and killer view of the downtown Lansing skyline.



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2. El Azteco
3. Peanut Barrel

Best Place to Take Kids: Impression 5 Science Center

Since 1972, Impression 5 has offered a fun, interactive space where kids and families can learn more about science.

2. Potter Park Zoo
3. Hawk Island Park

Best Pub/Tavern: Zoobie's

A former factory bar, Zoobie's has become one of Lansing's hippest watering holes under the direction of the Potent Potables Project. The ownership group opened the Creole/Creole Coffee Co. last year and will break ground soon on a Frandor taco joint.

2. Dagwood's
3. Crunchy's

Best Spartan Sports Hangout: Buffalo Wild Wings

Chain bar/restaurant Buffalo Wild Wings, known to many to as B-Dubs, specializes in chicken wings tossed in a variety of sauces. Featuring televisions and projection screens mounted on virtually every inch of available wall space, the bar was voted best place to catch some MSU sports.

2. Spartan Hall of Fame
3. Crunchy's

Best Sports Bar: Nuthouse Sports Bar

Downtown Lansing's Nuthouse, with its wall of televisions, was voted the best place to watch sports.

2. Buffalo Wild Wings
3. Buddies - Holt

Best Vacation Spot in Michigan: Traverse City

Known for its freshwater beaches, picturesque wineries and its annual Cherry Festival, Traverse City was

voted as the Best Vacation Spot in Michigan.

2. Mackinac Island
3. Upper Peninsula

BEST LOCAL MUSIC

Best Cover Band: Starfarm

Local '80s cover band Starfarm celebrates the era of pegged jeans, mullets and Aqua Net, performing a mix of the decade's greatest hits.

2. Soulstice
3. Frog & the Beeftones

Best Classical Musician: Ed Fedewa

When he's not leading the bass section at the Lansing Symphony, Ed Fedewa teaches at Central Michigan University and Lansing Community College. He's a well-rounded musician who can often be found holding down the low end in local rock and jazz outfits.

2. Sergei Kvitko
3. Rodney Page



Best Club DJ: Donnie D

DJ Donnie D is known for his wide range of influences and high-energy live show. The Michigan native has warmed up the stage for acts like Kid Rock, Jason Aldean and LMFAO.

2. Capitol City DJs
3. Ruckus

Best Folk Band/Artist: Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle

With original tunes and covers ranging from Americana to gypsy-jazz to blues and vaudeville, the Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle combines music, puppets, dancers and over-the-top stage antics into wildly creative live show.

2. Frog & the Beeftones
3. Jen Sygit

Best Hip-Hop Group/Artist: Scratch Pilots

Local DJ team Scratch Pilots took the win for Best Hip-Hop Group/Artist this year. The group's weekly DJ jam session, Turntable Tuesday, takes over the Green Door most Tuesday nights.

2. James Gardin
3. Ribcage

Best Jazz Group/Artist: MSU Professors of Jazz

MSU's Professors of Jazz, a supergroup of MSU jazz faculty, takes home the brand new award for Best Jazz Group/Artist.

2. Phil Denny
3. Root Doctor

Best Radio Station: 89FM The Impact

MSU's college radio station hit the airwaves in 1989, bringing the East Lansing community a steady stream of alternative rock, local music and under-the-radar gems.

2. 97.5 Now FM
3. 100.7 WITL

Best Rock Band/Artist: Cheap Girls

Comprised of Ian Graham, Ben Graham and Adam Aymor, local

power pop band Cheap Girls takes home the award for Best Rock Band/Artist.

2. Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers
3. Taylor Taylor

BEST PEOPLE

Best Bartender: Caitlan McSweeney at Zoobie's

Zoobie's drink-slinger Caitlan McSweeney captures the Best Bartender award for the second year in a row.

2. Craig Doepker at Mac's
3. Sarah Fandel at REO Town Pub

Best CATA Bus Driver: Ron De Leon

CATA driver and local MMA promoter Ron DeLeon takes home this

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year's award for Best CATA Bus Driver.

2. Lamarr Braggs
3. Colleen Whalen

Best Local Advocate/Activist: Rick Preuss

Owner and operator of Preuss Pets, Rick Preuss was voted Best Local Advocate/Activist. Preuss Pets has been operating for over 31 years, offering training and information on keeping pets happy and healthy.

2. Barb Byrum
3. Mike Karl

Best Local Comedian: Dwayne Gill

Lansing-based comedian Dwayne Gill tours the country performing comedy, hitting iconic venues like Caroline's Comedy Club in New York and the Comedy Connection in Boston.

2. Melik Brown
3. Jason Carlen

Best Local FM/AM Radio Personality: Josh Strickland

Josh Strickland anchors the morning slot on 97.5 NOW FM. A 20-year veteran in radio, Strickland has been an on-air DJ with 97.5 since 2007.

2. Banana Don and Stephanie McCoy
3. Joey Pants and Deb Hart

Best Local TV News Personality: Andy Provenzano

Our readers trust WILX meteorologist Andy Provenzano, this year's choice for Best Local TV News Personality.

2. Sheri Jones
3. Jane Aldrich

Best Massage Therapist: Creative Wellness

Creative Wellness offers a wide selection of natural health services, classes and products, including massage therapy, acupuncture, and yoga classes.

2. Bee Queener Massage Therapy
3. Maryann Hancock

Best Restaurant Wait Staff: Tim Gleason at Golden Harvest

Tim Gleason earned this year's Best Restaurant Wait Staff award, delivering Cereal Killer San'wiches and S&M Scrambles in a dining room that's roughly the size of a walk-in closet.

2. Keisha Lomax at Soup Spoon
3. Vanessa Vicknair at Golden Harvest

Best Seamstress/Tailor: Nu the Tailor

West Lansing's Nu the Tailor takes this year's award for Best Seamstress/Tailor.

2. Liz's Alteration Shop
3. (tie) Silver Threads and Kim the Tailor

Best Uber Driver: Nick Berry

Uber Drivers has arrived in Lansing, and our readers selected Nick Berry as Best Uber Driver.

2. Travis Stoliker
3. Amanda Bernes

Best Local/State Politician: Gretchen Whitmer

Former state senator and newly minted interim Ingham County prosecutor, Gretchen Whitmer takes home this year's award for Best Local/State Politician. Last year, Whitmer said she is "seriously looking at" a gubernatorial run in 2018. That office, of course, is held by ...

2. Virg Bernero
3. Debbie Stabenow

Worst State/Local Politician: Rick Snyder

Thanks to a water crisis in Flint that has drawn the ire of pundits and politicians nationwide, Gov. Rick Snyder coasted to an easy victory in Worst State/Local Politician. In a year of prostitution scandals, City Hall shenanigans and adulterous lawmakers, the tough nerd still pets the most peeves among our readers.

2. Stuart Dunnings III
3. Virg Bernero



BEST SERVICES

Best Accountant/CPA: Simplified Tax & Accounting Services

For over 65 years, Michigan-based accounting chain Simplified Tax has offered tax and bookkeeping services to businesses and individuals.

2. H&R Block
3. Abraham & Gaffney

Best Audiologist/Hearing: Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat

Can you hear me now? Mid-Michigan Ear, Nose, and Throat was voted Best Audiologist/Hearing center.

2. Fluke Hearing
3. Advanced Audiology - Linda Wright

Best Auto Repair: Frankie D's - Holt

When City Pulse readers need to take their cars in for a little TLC, Frankie D's Auto and Truck Repair is there. Open since 1986, the shop offers discounts and coupons on its website, carandtruckrepair.com.

2. Brogan's
3. Shaheen Chevrolet

Best Bank/Credit Union: MSUF-CU

Credit unions snagged the top three spots in Best Bank/Credit Union this year, with MSUF-CU snagging the top spot. Based out of a north Lansing headquarters that looks something like the Emerald City, the local banking behemoth recently passed 200,000 members.

2. Lake Trust Credit Union
3. LAFCU

Best Barber Shop: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute

For more than 45 years, Douglas J Salon and Aveda Institute has offered its expertise and high-end hair and skin care services. Located on East Grand River Avenue in the heart of East Lansing, this location was voted as the best barber shop.

2. Jude's Barbershop
3. Matthew Ryan Salon & Spa

Best Bicycle Shop: SPIN Bicycle Shop

If your velocipede needs a little work, ride in to SPIN Bicycle Shop. The full service bicycle repair shop and retail joint has provided services to the Greater Lansing cycling community since 2008.

2. Riverfront Cycle
3. (tie) Velocipede Peddler and Denny's Central Park Bikes

Best Car Wash: Kwik Car Wash

Kwik Car Wash stands out to City Pulse readers — not just for its giant sign that towers over Cedar Street, but also for its extensive menu of washing and detailing services.

2. Fast Eddie's
3. Showroom Shine

Best Chiropractor: Delta Chiropractic Center

Delta Chiropractic Center offers extensive treatment options and cutting-edge technology. Its office combines massage therapy, nutritional health and the computerized Pro Adjuster for optimal spinal health.

2. Volz Family Chiropractic
3. Infinity Chiropractic

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Best Dance Studio: Happendance

Okemos dance studio Happendance takes the prize for Best Dance Studio. Through dance instruction and choreography, the studio strives to support the art of dance in the community while fostering lifelong physical and mental fitness in its dancers.

2. Stiletto & Steel
3. Spartan Dance

Best Electrical: Bohnet Electric

Bohnet Electric has been family owned and operated for over 110 years. Its retail lighting store sells a variety of light fixtures, including custom lighting, and offers repair and resoration of vintage lighting fixtures.

2. Hager Fox
3. Sparky's Electric

Best Gym/Fitness Center: Planet Fitness

Planet Fitness aims to provide a unique environment to guests with

low membership rates, on-site trainers and an encouraging, "judgement-free" atmosphere.

2. YMCA
3. Michigan Athletic Club

Best Heating/Cooling: A-1 Mechanical

A-1 Mechanical has been serving Lansing for over 33 years, installing and servicing commercial and residential heating/cooling systems and offering 24-hour emergency service.

2. Hager Fox
3. Applegate

Best Hotel/Bed & Breakfast: English Inn

Whether you're looking for an upscale dinner or a week-long getaway, English Inn offers a variety of options on its historic estate.

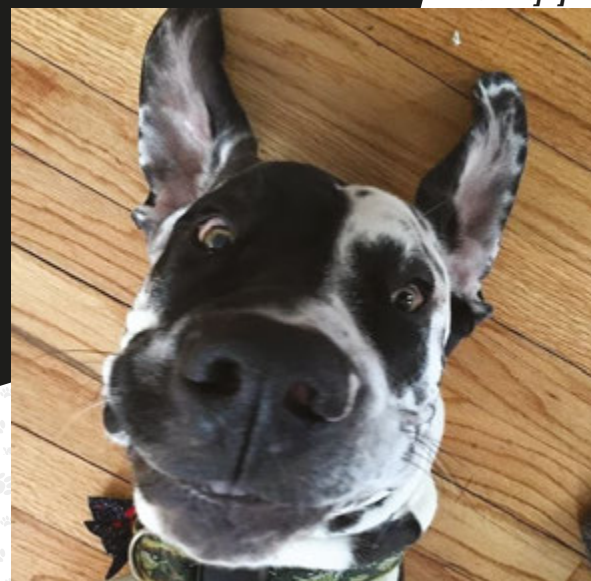
2. Wild Goose Inn
3. Kellogg Center

Best Laundromat/Dry Cleaners: Baryames Cleaners

Local chain Baryames Cleaners is our readers' go-to business for dry cleaning and laundry needs.

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- 2. Maurer's
- 3. Sunshine Laundromat

Best Lawyer/Law Firm: Abood Law Firm

The Abood Law Firm has been family owned and run since 1961. The firm takes on a variety of cases, including criminal defence, divorce and personal injury.

- 2. Sinas Dramis Law Firm
- 3. Sam Bernstein Law Firm

Best Library Programming: Capital Area District Libraries - Downtown Lansing

The Downtown Branch of Capital Area District Libraries takes this year's award for Best Library Programming. The branch hosts everything from author visits to social clubs to reading programs for kids.

- 2. Delta Township Library
- 3. East Lansing Public Library

Best Maid Service: Molly Maid

Lansing's Molly Maid, the local

branch of a nation-wide residential cleaning business, is the top pick for Best Maid Service according to City Pulse readers.

- 2. Discreet Divas
- 3. Merry Maids

Best Nail Salon: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute

Offering manicures, pedicures, nail art and more, Douglas J nails the victory in Best Nail Salon this year.

- 2. Jenny Nails
- 3. Polished Nail Salon

Best Pet Care/Services: Preuss Pets

Beyond stocking products to help care for pets, Preuss Pets offers store tours, animal education programs and in-store advice from experts, scoring them the Best Pet Care/Services award this year.

- 2. Nana n' Paws
- 3. Doggy Daycare & Spa

Best Photographer: McShane Photography - Jena McShane

Local photographer — and recent-

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ly addicted storm-chaser — Jena McShane takes home this year's award for Best Photographer. For samples of her work (and cute pics of her dog, Dexter) follow @mcshanephoto on Instagram.

- 2. Studio M
- 3. Decadence Dolls – Autumn Luciano

Best Plumber: Michigan Plumbing

Has Michigan Plumbing exceeded your expectations? Its commercials certainly promise to do so, and City Pulse readers agree, selecting the business as Best Plumber this year.

- 2. Hedlund Plumbing
- 3. Meridian Plumbing

Best Salon/Spa: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute

Okemos-based Douglas J Salon pampers Top of the Town voters with the works: hair styling, skin care, waxing, makeup, nail and massage services. At the associated Aveda In-

stitute across town, the next generation of cosmetologists prepare to step into the job market.

- 2. Matthew Ryan Salon
- 3. Lockworx

Best Tanning Salon: J2 Tanning
For readers who prefer to be tan even before they hit the beach, J2 Tanning is the salon of choice.

- 2. Pacific Tan – S. Cedar
- 3. Planet Fitness

Best Tattoo Parlor: Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.

Are you finally going to take the plunge and get that killer back piece you've always wanted? Our readers selected Old Town ink-slingers Fish Ladder Tattoo Co. as the Best Tattoo Parlor in Greater Lansing.

- 2. Splash of Color
- 3. Vivid Ink

Best Vet Services: MSU Veterinary Medical Center

With the resources of MSU's animal medicine backing them up, the veterinarians at MSU Veterinary Medical Center are able to take care of both small and large animals. Wheth-

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er they have a dog with a broken leg or an under-the-weather sheep, City Pulse readers count on the 24-hour clinic for animal emergencies.

2. Miller Animal Clinic
3. Patterson Veterinary

Best Wedding Vendor: Becker's Bridal

The summer wedding season is already underway, and many local brides are decked out in gowns purchased at long-time Lansing staple Becker's Bridal. The family-owned store has been around since 1934.

2. Old Town Marquee
3. Fantastic Finds

Best Yoga Studio: Hilltop Yoga

Hilltop Yoga stretched its way into City Pulse readers' hearts this year. The Old Town-based studio hosts over sixty classes a week, including teacher training courses. Other courses target kids, teens, expectant mothers and those seeking a therapeutic experience.

2. Just B Yoga
3. East Lansing Hot Yoga

BEST SHOPPING

Best Antique Shop: Mega Mall

It's not just any mall — it's the Mega Mall. Promising "something for everyone," the former grocery store site hosts over 200 vendors dealing in antiques, collectibles and miscellaneous treasures.

2. Lamb's Gate Antiques

3. Mason Maple Street Mall

Best Art Gallery: Broad Art Museum

It was a big year for the Broad. The contemporary art gallery made its silver screen debut in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" earlier this year. The museum probably won't win any Oscars for its cameo, but it does take home the Top of the Town award for Best Art Museum.

2. Lansing Art Gallery
3. Katalyst

Best Beer Selection: Horrocks

Horrocks' beer aisles are overflowing with brews from all over the world. If you prefer to try before you buy, the tavern at the back of the store features 49 taps of beers, including a healthy contingent of Michigan microbrews.

2. Oade's Big Ten — East Lansing
3. Big Ten — Okemos

Best Bookstore: Schuler Books & Music — Eastwood Towne Center

Michigan-based bookstore chain Schuler Books & Music carries a wide selection of books, CDs, DVDs, children's toys and more. Its Eastwood Towne Center location takes this year's award for Best Bookstore.

2. Barnes & Noble
3. Curious Book Shop

Best Butcher: Monticello's Market & Butcher Block

Monticello's Market & Butcher Block, located on the northern fringes of Haslett, takes this year's award for Best Butcher.

2. Mert's Meats — Okemos
3. Merindorf Meats — Mason

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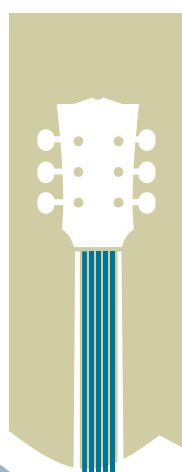
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FRIDAY, JUNE 10 • 6:30pm

The Verve Pipe and bands Wally Pleasant and Triple Lindy!

Michigan-based rock band Verve Pipe will celebrate the 20th anniversary release of the classic, platinum-selling album, *Villains*, by performing the entire album live, cover-to-cover. The album includes the bands breakthrough hit, *The Freshmen*, as well as singles like *Photograph* and *Cup of Tea*.

\$15 advance/\$25 at the door
Get your tickets at riverrockconcert.com

Triple Lindy: 6:30 - 7:30pm

This jovial local '80s cover band plays everything from hard-rock classics to new-wave hits. Sponsored by the Eyde Company.

Wally Pleasant: 8:00 - 8:50pm

This East Lansing anti-folk legend was a major force in the local scene throughout the '90s. For the first time ever, he performs his landmark 1992 album "Songs About Stuff" in its entirety.

Verve Pipe: 9:20 - 10:45pm

For the first time ever, the band performs its Platinum-selling 1996 "Villains" LP in celebration of its 20th anniversary. Hear alt-rock hits like "The Freshman," "Photograph" and "Cup of Tea."



SATURDAY, JUNE 11 • 4:30pm

Top of the Town Party

Featuring live performances by Elliot Street Lunatic, City Mouse, James Gardin and Stefanie Haapala!

This rocking party will recognize the winners of the City Pulse/Fox 47 News Top of the Town Contest, featuring live music by local bands and special food offerings from over a dozen local restaurants.

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James Gardin: 4:30 - 6:00pm

Formerly known as P.H.I.L.T.H.Y., this emcee blends hip hop with soul and a touch of indie-pop - a style he's dubbed "art rap."
jamesgardin.bandcamp.com

Stefanie Haapala: 6:30 - 7:30pm

After recently graduating from Michigan State University, this indie-folk troubadour has kept busy supporting her acclaimed EP, "This Won't Be the Last Time I Tell You."
stefaniehaapala.bandcamp.com

City Mouse: 8:00 - 9:00pm

Led by vocalist/guitarist Miski Dee, this pop-punk power trio comes with fuzzy guitars and powerful hooks.
citymousepunk.com

Elliot Street Lunatic: 9:30 - 10:30pm

A long-time fixture on Lansing's rock scene, this indie-rock outfit is known for its lush guitar tones and dreamy four-part harmonies.
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Congratulations to our 2016 Top of the Town award winners!

Best Dining

Asian Buffet: Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
Bakery: Bake n' Cakes
BBQ: MEAT
Breakfast: Golden Harvest
Burger: Crunchy's
Chinese: PF Changs
Cocktails: Zoobie's
Craft Beer Selection: HopCat
Dessert: MSU Dairy
Diner: Golden Harvest
Fish Fry: East Side Fish Fry
Fries: HopCat
Greek: Lou and Harry's
Ice Cream Shop: MSU Dairy
Italian: DeLuca's
Mediterranean: Woody's Oasis
Mexican: El Azteco
New Restaurant: Lansing Brewing Company
Pizza: DeLuca's
Sandwich/Deli: Jersey Giant
Seafood: Mitchell's Fish Market
Steak: Capital Prime
Sushi: Maru
Thai: Bangkok House
Upscale Dining: Capital Prime
Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten-Free:
Soup Spoon Café

Best Hangouts

Biggby: Lansing - 2002 W. Saginaw
Coffee Shop (non-Biggby): Strange Matter
Dance Bar: Green Door
For Students: Crunchy's
Gay/Lesbian Bar: Spiral
Happy Hour: Houlihan's
Karaoke: Crunchy's
Lansing-area Brewery: Lansing Brewing Co.
Lansing-area Distillery: American Fifth Spirits
Movie Theater: NCG
Music Venue: Green Door
Open-Mic Night: Green Door - Comedy Night
Patio: Waterfront Bar & Grill
Place to Take Kids: Impression 5
Pub/Tavern: Zoobie's
Spartan Sports Hangout: Buffalo Wild Wings
Sports Bar: Nuthouse Sports Bar
Vacation Spot in Michigan: Traverse City

Best Local Music

Cover Band: Starfarm
Classical Musician: Ed Fedewa
Club DJ: Donnie D
Folk Band/Artist: Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle
Hip-Hop Group/Artist: Scratch Pilots
Jazz Musician: MSU Professors of Jazz
Radio Station: 88.9 The Impact
Rock Band/Artist: Cheap Girls

Best People

Bartender: Caitlin at Zoobie's
CATA Bus Driver: Ron DeLeon
Local Advocate/Activist: Rick Preuss
Local Comedian: Dwayne Gill
Local FM/AM Radio Personality: Josh Strickland
Local TV News Personality: Andy Provenzano
Massage Therapist: Creative Wellness
Restaurant Wait Staff: Tim at Golden Harvest
Seamstress/Tailor: Nu the Tailor
Uber Driver: Nick Berry
Best Local/State Politician: Gretchen Whitmer
Worst Local/State Politician: Rick Snyder

Best Services

Accountant/CPA: Simplified Tax Service
Audiologist/Hearing: Mid-Michigan
Ear Nose & Throat
Auto Repair: Frankie D's - Holt
Bank/Credit Union: MSUFCU
Barber Shop: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute
Bicycle Shop: SPIN Bicycle Shop
Car Wash/Detailing: Kwik Car Wash
Chiropractor: Delta Chiropractic Center
Dance Studio: Happendace
Electrical: Bohnet
Gym/Fitness: Planet Fitness
Heating/Cooling Co.: A-1 Mechanical
Hotel/Bed & Breakfast: English Inn
Laundromat/Dry Cleaners: Baryames
Lawyer/Law Firm: Abood Law Firm
Library Programming: Capital Area District
Library - Downtown Lansing
Maid Service: Molly Maids
Nail Salon: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute
Pet Care/Services: Preuss Pets
Photographer: McShane Photography
Plumber: Michigan Plumbing
Salon/Spa: Douglas J Salon & Aveda Institute
Tanning Salon: J2 Tanning
Tattoo Parlor: Fish Ladder
Vet Services: MSU Veterinary Clinic
Wedding Vendor: Becker's Bridal
Yoga Studio: Hilltop Yoga

Best Shopping

Antique Shop: Mega Mall
Art Gallery: Broad Museum
Beer Selection: Horrock's
Bookstore: Schuler Books - Eastwood
Butcher: Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
Candy Shop: Fabiano's
Consignment/Thrift Shop: Kellie's Consignment
Convenience/Liquor Store: Horrock's
Florist: Horrock's
Gardening Center: Horrock's
Gift Shop: October Moon
Indoor Grow Shop: H2O Lansing
Jewelry Store: Becky Beachine Kulka
Local Clothing Store: Playmakers
Local Grocery Store: Horrock's
Michigan-Made Wine: Chateau Grand Traverse
Michigan Products: Horrock's
Musical Instruments Store: Elderly Instruments
Organic/Natural Market: Horrock's
Pawn/Secondhand Shop: Dicker & Deal
Pet Store: Preuss Pets
Produce/Farmers Market: Horrock's
Record/CD Store: Flat, Black & Circular
Wine Shop: Horrock's

Best Whatever

Annual Event/Festival: Common Ground
Eye Candy Place: MSU Campus
First Date Place: Old Town
Local Outing with Friends: Lansing Lugnuts
Local Theatre Group: Riverwalk Theatre
Marijuana Dispensary: Best Buds
Worst Eyesore Place: Abandoned Building - Grand River/Abbot, East Lansing



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Compete as an individual or a team of two. Register online and see the rules at americanfishrodeo.com/events/fishing-tournament now through Friday, June 10. Registration is \$20. Limited spots are available, so register today!

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1. The Diabolical Duo - \$750 grand prize
2. North Winds' Cool Creel - \$400 grand prize
3. Spicer's Spice of Life - \$400 grand prize
4. Sam Eyde's Big Kahuna - \$200 grand prize
5. First Blood - \$100
6. Mermaid Prize - \$100

This event is produced by the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Arts and the tournament is run by Lansing Bass Bums, organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and sponsored by North Winds Heating and Cooling, The Spicer Group, and Sam Eyde Management.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

FISHING, FOOD & FUN!

Riverboat Tours: 10am - 8pm

These fun and informative tours are family friendly and great for all ages! \$5 per person.

Happy Hour

Riverboat Tours: 4pm - 6pm

Enjoy the same tour for only \$3 per person!

Water Taxi: 6pm - 8 pm

Take a water taxi from the Lansing City Market to and from the Adado Riverfront Park for only \$1 per person.

Beer Tent: Noon - 11:30pm

Noon - 6pm: Happy Hour! Free Admission, 21 and up
6pm - 11:30pm: Regular Admission, 21 and up

"All Things Water"

Education Tent: 8am - 5pm

The Grand American Fish Rodeo Festival has assembled a pro team to help teach you all about the importance of water and all the fun things to do with, in, and around it, using many fun hands-on activities! Admission is FREE.

Children's Fishing Clinic: 8am - 12pm

This is a free fishing clinic for kids and families, taught by a pro-angler and assisted by biologists from the USFWS. Register at americanfishrodeo.com/events/childrens-fishing-clinic-saturday

Fingerlings Fishing

Tournament: 1pm - 5pm

Children ages of 6 - 12 can try their hands at fishing for a chance to win some great prizes! Register at americanfishrodeo.com/events/fingerlings-fishing-tournament-saturday

Plein Air Painting: 10am - 4pm

En plein air is a French expression, which means "in the open air." Watch talented artists paint along the banks of the Grand River.

Inflatables for Kids: Noon - 6pm

Inflatables are a fun way for children to jump, climb and play! Admission is free.

Multi-Cultural Acts: Noon - 4pm

Performances from Irish Dancers, Renaissance Players, Korean Drummers and Habibi Dancers fill the stage with unique rhythms, movement, music and costumes.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

Riverboat Tour • 10am - 6pm

Take a riverboat tour with Lansing Metro Marina and learn about the history and conservation of the Grand River. Just \$5 per person with a special Happy Hour discount from 4-6 pm!

Beer Tent • 12pm - 11:30am

Enjoy on-stage entertainment and a cold beer in the sun or under the shade of the beer tent. Admission is free for 21+ from 12-6 pm.

Verve Pipe "Villains" 20th Anniversary Concert • 5pm - 10:30pm

Welcome back local musicians The Verve Pipe as they perform hits like "Freshman" from their platinum album Villains with opening acts of Triple Lindy and Wally Pleasant.

Triple Lindy • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Wally Pleasant • 8pm - 8:50pm

The Verve Pipe • 9:20pm - 10:45pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

"All Things Water" Tent • 8am - 5pm

Come learn how to fish, about invasive species, proper watershed management, knot tying, fly tying, casting and much more. Admission is free, but spots are limited so register today!

Children's Fishing Clinic • 8am - 12pm

Register today for our free fishing clinic for kids and families taught by a pro-angler and assisted by biologists from the USFWS.

Fishing Tournament • 8am - 5pm

Register today for an "anything goes" style fishing tournament along the Grand River in Downtown Lansing. Individuals or teams of 2 can win a part of up to \$5000 in prizes!

Riverboat Tour • 10am - 2:30pm

Take a riverboat tour with Lansing Metro Marina and learn about the history and conservation of the Grand River. Just \$5 per person with a special Happy Hour discount from 4-6 pm!

Water Taxi • 6pm - 8pm

Take a water taxi from the Lansing City Market to and from the Adado Riverfront Park for only \$1 per person.

Plein Air Painting • 10am - 4pm

Watch works of art be created as talented artists paint along the banks of the Grand River.

Inflatables for Kids • 12pm - 6pm

Admission is free to this group of inflatables for children to jump, climb and play on!

Multi-Cultural Acts • 12pm - 4pm

Throughout the day, enjoy the unique rhythms, movements, music and costumes of Irish dancers, Renaissance players, Korean drummers and Habibi dancers.

Fingerlings Fishing Tournament • 1pm - 5pm

Children ages 6 - 12 can try their hands at fishing for a chance to win cool prizes, including fishing gear to jump start a bright fishing career! This event is free, but registration is limited!

Beer Tent • 12pm - 11:30pm

Enjoy on-stage entertainment and a cold beer in the sun or under the shade of the beer tent. Admission is free for 21+ from 12-6 pm.

Primetime Music • 3:30pm - 10:30pm

Enjoy local musicians throughout the evening, including:

James Gardin • 4:30pm - 6pm

Stefanie Haapala • 6:30pm - 7pm

City Mouse • 8pm - 9pm

Elliot Street Lunatic • 9:30pm - 10:30pm

Fish Rodeo Awards Ceremony • 6pm - 6:30pm

The top three winners in four different categories will be announced for the American Fish Rodeo.

Top of the Town Awards Ceremony • 7:30pm - 8pm

The winners of the Top of the Town Contest will be announced.



UPCOMING FESTIVALS:

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Best Candy Shop: Fabiano's

The Fabiano family has been turning out specialty chocolates and sweet treats from its Michigan Avenue shop since 1979. Founded by Michael Fabiano and Jane Coscarelli, the shop is run by Madeline Fabiano and Steven Blair, the couple's daughter and grandson.

2. Horrocks
3. Cravings Popcorn - Old Town

Best Consignment/Thrift Shop: Kellie's Consignments

Okemos' Kellie's Consignments, now open at its new Marsh Road location, carries an assortment of men's and women's clothing, furniture, jewelry, home goods and more.

2. Volunteers of America
3. Goodwill

Best Convenience/Liquor Store: Horrocks

Our readers selected Horrocks as Best Convenience/Liquor Store, even though the store doesn't carry any liquor. Apparently the sizable beer and wine section was enough to win over the voters.

2. Oade's Big Ten - Kalamazoo St.
3. Quality Dairy

Best Florist: Horrocks

Put another notch in Horrocks' belt, this time for its impressive floral department.

2. Smith Floral & Greenhouse
3. VanAtta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop

Best Gardening Center: Horrocks

Horrocks' sprawling outdoor nursery and greenhouses take this year's award for Best Gardening Center.

2. Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop
3. (tie) Lansing Gardens and Christian's Greenhouse

Best Gift Shop: October Moon

Old Town boutique October Moon offers a variety of fun and funky home and kitchen goods.

2. Kean's
3. Schuler's Books and Music

Indoor Grow Shop: H2O Hydroponics

West Lansing shop H2O Hydroponics carries everything you need for your indoor growing needs, including sunlamps, fertilizers and gardening tools.

2. Capital City Grower Supply
3. Superior Growers

Best Jewelry Store: Becky Beauchine Kulka

Becky Beauchine Kulka — both the woman and the business — have made their name known in Lansing for world-class jewelry and designs — and also for an extremely catchy commercial jingle. The local store is one of the 5 percent of jewelers to receive an American Gem Society certification.

2. Sweet Custom Jewelry
3. SuCasa

Best Local Clothing Store: Playmakers

Okemos shop Playmakers has become the epicenter of running/walking sports in Lansing. In addition to a huge selection of athletic footwear

and apparel, the shop hosts running clinics and maintains one of the best calendars of local races and running events.

2. Curvaceous Lingerie
3. Grace Boutique

Best Local Grocery Store: Horrocks

Horrocks' selection of fresh produce, locally made goods and vast beer and wine selection earned the west Lansing shop this year's award

for Best Local Grocery Store.

2. Fresh Thyme
3. Monticello's Market & Butcher Block

Best Michigan-made Wine: Chateau Grand Traverse

Located on the picturesque Old Mission Peninsula just north of Traverse City, Chateau Grand Traverse is northern Michigan's oldest winery.

2. Burgdorf's Winery
3. Uncle John's

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WINNERS

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Best Michigan Products: Horrocks

From locally grown produce to Michigan beer and wine to house-made jams and jellies, Horrocks has plenty of options for the discerning locavore.

2. Old Town General Store
3. Grand Traverse Pie Co.

Best Musical Instruments Store: Elderly Instruments

Old Town's Elderly Instruments is nationally known for its collection of rare and vintage instruments. Touring folk artists from all over the world swing through the shop whenever they're in the area to check out hard-to-find guitars, mandolins, banjos and more.

2. Marshall Music
3. Guitar Center

Best Organic/Natural Market: Horrocks

Horrocks Farm Market has organic produce in piles. The supermarket wins Best Organic/Natural Market this year, beating out newcomer Fresh Thyme and locally-based Foods for Living.

2. Fresh Thyme
3. Foods for Living

Best Pawn/Secondhand Store: Dicker & Deal

City Pulse readers voted Dicker & Deal Best Pawn/Secondhand store this year. Now with multiple locations in Lansing and Jackson, the shop has been servicing the area since 1973.

2. Kellie's Consignments
3. Goodwill

Best Pet Store: Preuss Pets

Step into Preuss Pets' Old Town location, and you might think that you've entered a tiny jungle. Its indoor stream and lush greenery provide a fitting backdrop for a large inventory of birds, fish, lizards and other small pets.

2. Soldan's
3. Pet Supplies Plus

Best Produce/Farmers Market: Horrocks

With its wide selection of fresh and local fruits and vegetables, grocery store/garden center Horrocks Farm Market rivals Greater Lansing's many traditional farmers markets.

2. Allen Farmers Market
3. Meridian Farmers Market

Best Record/CD Store: Flat, Black & Circular

Flat, Black & Circular has been supplying used records and CDs to locals since 1977. Readers who enjoy losing themselves in the crates of vinyl once again voted the East Lansing staple as Best Record/CD store.

2. Record Lounge
3. Schuler Books & Music — Eastwood

Best Wine Shop: Horrocks

The wine aisle at Horrocks is packed to the gills with quality wines from Michigan and beyond. Not sure what you like? Stop by the wine bar in the back and sample a few.

2. Dusty's Cellar
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BEST WHATEVER

Best Annual Event/Festival: Common Ground Music Festival

The week-long Common Ground Music Festival drew nearly 50,000 people to Adado Riverfront Park last year, even with the last minute cancellation of headliner Meghan Trainor. This year's festival is betting big on country, with superstars Tim McGraw and Dierks Bently each headlining a night this July.

- 2. East Lansing Art Festival
- 3. Silver Bells

Best Eye Candy Place: MSU Campus

On the banks of the Red Cedar, there's a school that's known to all... for its scenic beauty. From its monumental Beaumont Tower to its many trees and gardens, MSU's historic

campus delights both student and non-students.

- 2. Old Town
- 3. Fitzgerald Park (the ledges) — Grand Ledge

Best First Date Place: Old Town
Lansing's hip boutique district offers plenty of first date options. Whether you're looking for a casual breakfast, a swanky dinner or stroll along the river, Old Town has you covered.

- 2. Soup Spoon
- 3. DeLuca's

Best Local Outing With Friends: Lansing Lugnuts

Go nuts! Our readers selected Lansing's minor league baseball team as the Best Local Outing with Friends. With weekly promotions like Thirsty Thursday and wacky theme nights like Jimmy Buffett night, Greater Lansing residents love wasting away in Lugnutville.

- 2. Lansing Brewing Co.
- 3. Painting with a Twist

Best Local Theater Group: Riverwalk Theatre

Downtown Lansing's theater company takes home this year's award for Best Local Theater Group. From its riverside home next to Impression 5 Science Center, Riverwalk Theatre mounts productions ranging from intimate black box plays to Broadway musicals.

- 2. MSU Department of Theatre
- 3. Williamston Theatre

Best Dispensary: Best Buds

Medical marijuana users selected Best Buds as their BFF this year. The dispensary, now at a new location just west of U.S. 127, boasts a selection of top-shelf meds as well as a snazzy vintage gold ceiling.

- 2. Greenwave
- 3. Emerald City

Worst Eyesore Place: Abandoned building at Grand River Avenue and Abbot Road, East Lansing

Voters may say this site hurts their eyes, but we all know the building just needs some love. Or to be torn down. Either works.

- 2. Life O'Riley Mobile Home Park
- 3. General Motors



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THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Verve Pipe's Brian Vander Ark recalls the fun and frustration of 'The Freshmen'

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

One morning at the dawn of the 1990s, Brian Vander Ark was eating cereal and getting ready to go to his “crappy day job” at a sporting goods store. MTV was playing in the background.

For months, the singer, guitarist and songwriter for a young East Lansing rock band called the Verve Pipe had been worrying at a sad, drifting melody he couldn't shake off. But the lyric had a nagging five-syllable gap and the song still lacked a title.

Looking up from the bowl, he caught a glimpse of helium-voiced singer Chrissy Amphlett oozing all over a divan in gauzy

black and white in a video for the Divinyls' “I Touch Myself.”

She was touching her face.

“Da-da-dee-da-dee-da, there's the line right there,” Vander Ark said. “Done.”

The muses weren't done with him. Looking idly around the room, his eyes rested on a VHS copy of a movie he rented the night before and loved, “The Freshman,” with Marlon Brando.

“Oh my God, that's it,” he said.

Done and done. “The Freshmen,” a murky tale of abortion and breakup and sex gone sour, struck a nerve with high school and college students across the country, peaking at No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1997.

The line “I won't be held responsible” had a lot to do with the song's success.



Courtesy Photo

Brian Vander Ark penned “The Freshmen,” the biggest hit from the Verve Pipe's platinum-selling “Villains” album. The band will perform the entire album live June 10 at the City Pulse River Rock Concert.

“Who am I, as a songwriter, to grant anybody permission?” Vander Ark asked. “But the song almost does that. ‘I'm going to make mistakes, screw it, let's make a mistake tonight.’ That's expected at that age.”

The Verve Pipe first recorded “The Freshmen” in 1992, in an acoustic version, but it broke through to national attention in 1996, as part of the platinum-selling album “Villains.” The band played it on “Late Show with David Letterman” show in August 1997.

“I still regret my hairstyle on Letterman,” Vander Ark said. “It looks like I'm

wearing a big blond wig.”

Since “Villains” hit the charts 20 years ago, the members' comings and goings, indicated by colored lines on a Wikipedia chart, resemble a tangled timeline of prehistoric evolution. Along the way, Vander Ark, the only original member left, went through phases where he was fed up with “The Freshmen,” but he's made his peace with it.

“For some reason, the universe blessed me that morning,” he said. “If I hadn't rented that movie the night before, that song could have been something else completely, not been the big hit that it

was, and not affected people the way that it did.

“I also ended up with a lyric that makes no sense, but that's the lyric everybody talks about. Everybody wants to know why ‘she was touching her face.’ It's just so ridiculous, but I'm thankful that it happened to me, man.”

Taken as a whole, “Villains” is a dirge-y slog, bristling with self-loathing and vague discontent. But 20 years later, fans on YouTube are rhapsodizing about how it reminds them of a happy, simpler time.

“Though it may seem uncool to the rest of the music world, I've always liked it that the songs resonated with young people back then. It was part of their lives,” Vander Ark said. “If I could go see Michael Jackson play ‘Thriller’ from start to finish, I'd love it. If I could see Styx play ‘The Grand Illusion’ start to finish, I'd be in heaven.”

Piquant lyrics and dark humor break through the album's crust of grunge, especially in the song “Cup of Tea,” with Vander Ark hilariously shrieking about the things in life that are not his “cup of tea,” sounding like Cole Porter possessed by an enraged raptor.

A yeast of Beatles gives “Villains” some lift as well, and not just because of nods to lines like “twist and shout” and “I me mine.” Around the time Verve Pipe was recording “Villains,” Vander Ark was listening to a lot of XTC, a band often described as Beatles-influenced. Verve Pipe drummer Donnie Brown and keyboardist Doug Carella, whom Vander Ark described as “straight from the Beatles camp,” pushed for four-part harmonies. But after the band signed with RCA, its sound was stripped to a raw, wire-brush rubdown of two guitars threaded with Vander Ark's vulnerable, sullen vocals.

The album's huge sound was sculpted by Tom Lord-Alge, who mixed records for Santana, U2, the Rolling Stones, the Dave Matthews Band, Marilyn Manson and dozens of other top bands. Lord-Alge was a master of compression, smoothing out the loudest and softest extremes so the whole wad can be jammed into your speakers and cranked to maximum volume.

“Most musicians say they hate compression, but compression can be your friend,” Vander Ark said. “It sounds amazing and huge on the radio.”

The band's post-Villains saga is one of hubris, survival and adaptation.

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Verve Pipe

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"All of these things came together, and it was the recipe for a successful record — one we haven't been able to follow up on," Vander Ark said.

A self-titled follow-up album in 1999 blew through a million dollars in studio time and flopped.

"We were full of ourselves," Vander Ark said. "We spent too much time in the studio and not enough time with the songs."

"Underneath," released in 2001, hosed off the '90s grunge and brought the band back to the nimble, literate, juicy pop sound it embraced before "Villains." "Overboard," released in 2014, excels in atmospheric storytelling, with a northern Michigan gothic vibe.

But the albums haven't come close to the success of "Villains." It's hard to make a living in rock.

"Streaming is just killing everybody," Vander Ark said.

These days, about half the 50 dates the Verve Pipe plays each year are devoted to the band's real moneymaker, kid's music. The band fell into the field almost by accident, when Vander Ark

and Brown wrote a few songs for a charity compilation. They kept writing and ended up with a full album.

"Sirius XM played the hell out of that kids' record," Vander Ark said.

That led to gigs at the kids' stage at Lollapalooza with fellow rockers like Perry Ferrell and an endless string of house parties.

Vander Ark still has good luck with cereal. His kids' song "Cereal" is so catchy it gets requests at rock gigs. (At the end, he tips his guitar over and pours Froot Loops on himself.)

It's not all balloons and cupcakes, though.

"If kids don't like something, they'll jam their fingers in their ears and they'll cry. Their parents will get pissed off, and they'll leave," Vander Ark said. "You have to be on for a full hour, absolutely entertaining and at the top of your game."

But the genre has a surprising upside: freedom from the rock 'n' roll requirement to be cool. Vander Ark, who is happily married with three kids, loves the idea of simply inspiring kids to pick up an instrument.

"If I was to put an oboe on a rock record, you'd think it was pretentious," Vander Ark said. "You can put any of that stuff on a kids' record, and some kid will go, 'Oh my gosh, I play the oboe!'"



Mary C. Gusack/City Pulse

The Verve Pipe prepare for a show at East Lansing's WhereHouse Records in the early '90s.

'Our band'

Former record store employee remembers the rise of the Verve Pipe

By MARY C. CUSACK

In the 1990s, there was no job more awesome than working in a record store. Only a privileged few of us got to experience that awesomeness, while the rest of the plebeians wallowed in jealousy. Except for my dad, that is, who frequently reminded me that it "doesn't take a degree in psychology to put a record in a bag."

This wasn't just any record store, though. This was the iconic WhereHouse Records in downtown East Lansing, the big store on the second floor at 515 E. Grand River Ave. In those crazy days, the store stayed open past midnight on new release days so that hundreds of MSU students could grab the new Pearl Jam album, run back to their dorms to listen to it all night — and likely sleep through their first class the next morning. We were the Ticketmaster masters, cranking out

old-fashioned paper concert tickets faster than you can take a selfie. People would camp out on the concrete landing — often peeing in the stairwell in the middle of the night — just to get front row center for Phish.

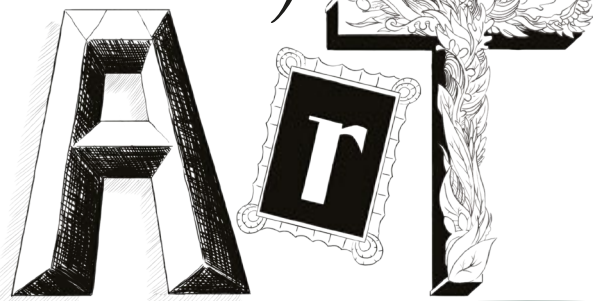
Our store had a great stage and we hosted many local and national acts, including They Might Be Giants, Fat Amy, Jonathan Richman, Train and Goober & the Peas. (Jack White may have played drums with Goober & the Peas on that show, but no one remembers for sure. He wasn't *the* Jack White back then. He wasn't even the guy from the White Stripes yet. He was just a dude who sometimes played drums with Goober & the Peas.)

The Verve Pipe, of course, were practically regulars. (Thankfully, the one time that someone got electrocuted on stage, it wasn't Brian Vander Ark. That guy from Train would have been too short to play a rock star in "Rock Star.") The band released its self-produced album, "I've Suffered a Head Injury," in 1992, followed a

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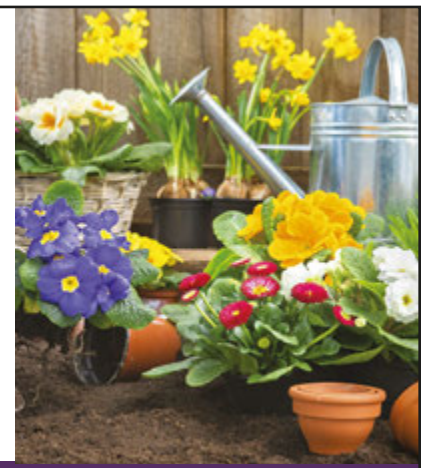


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“D,” by artist Sheri Munce, was created with paint on an antique window.

Meet the Artist

Sheri Munce uses glass painting to process emotions

By KAYLEIGH GARRISON

City Pulse and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing have teamed up for the Summer of Art, which puts original art by area artists on the cover of City Pulse each week through Aug. 31. This week's cover features “Turner,” by Sheri Munce.



Munce

Many of Munce's works draw inspiration from events in her life. “Turner,” which is featured on the cover of this week's City Pulse, came from Munce's learning that a high school friend named Turner had died. She turned to painting to

express her sadness.

“Turner was truly a beautiful soul,” she said. “I worked through a lot of complex emotions that day and decided to name the piece ‘Turner’ to honor my friend.”

Munce took an interest in art at a young age. Her mother and grandmother were both artists, and her mother was also an art teacher.

“I grew up around a lot of creative people,” Munce said.

Munce started her career as a professional artist around 2002. She had quit her job to be a stay-at-home mom, and her brother, a full-time potter, invited her to an art show with him. Of the 11 pieces she brought with her, she sold 10.

“I loved the fact that people liked them and they begged me to make more,” Munce said. “I think with any artist, it's thrilling when people see art and identify with it.”

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Please read the rules carefully. Pay particular attention to these:

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Record Store

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year later by “Pop Smear.” They played every show they could get, building a following that drew the attention of the major labels. To be blunt, we sold the crap out of those albums, possibly more than any other store. We were Verve Pipe Central.

When the major labels started taking notice of the Verve Pipe, we fielded a few inquiries from A&R reps. One call came from RCA as the label was getting ready to seal the deal. I probably gushed a little too enthusiastically to be deemed credible, but I only told the truth — the band outsold many national acts in terms of units (industry jargon for CDs and cassettes) and “The Freshmen” was a sure-fire hit. The rep asked if they were easy to work with, I assume because no label wants to unknowingly sign a bunch of high maintenance prima donnas. I assured them that this was a bunch of sincere, hard-working Midwestern boys — and that they were pretty easy on the eyes, too.

After RCA signed the band and released “Villains,” the label called on a regular basis to track sales. The label released “Photograph” as the first single, and at the time I didn't understand record company single-release strategy. “Photograph,” despite being a catchy track with a great video, wasn't charting as high as I expected. I railed at the rep on the phone — and later in person — about how they should have released “The Freshmen” as the first single. I remember that the rep evaded my question in person, perhaps not wanting to reveal what is now an obvious strategy: Put out a strong track first to get the public's interest, then follow up with the sure-fire hit. The strategy worked. “The Freshmen” was the second single and broke into the Billboard Top 10. It also opened the door to national television appearances.

One of the highlights of that era was our “Late Night with the Verve Pipe” party. In August of 1997 the band appeared on “Late Night with David Letterman.” We stayed

open all night hosting a viewing party. We already had a mass of televisions, and we added a projector and big screen. The staff received special “Late Night” shirts that infringed all over the CBS copyright. Whatever, this was a big deal. Local boys made good and all of that. People packed every square inch of the floor, some staking their claim hours in advance just to share the communal experience of seeing “our band” on national television.

I'm not sure anyone would corroborate this now — the RCA rep swore me to secrecy at the time — but at one point the Verve Pipe was on the verge of being booked on Saturday Night Live. My understanding was that it fell through because the host, who turned out to be Pamela Anderson, wanted the Rollins Band. If I'm being completely honest, I wasn't too upset. I crushed on Henry Rollins as much I as did Verve Pipe keyboardist Doug Corella. But the Verve Pipe would have probably sold more albums after the episode than Rollins Band. That guy just scares people.

It's hard to put into words what it felt like to be peripherally involved in the success of a local band. The whole WhereHouse chain felt invested in the band. It felt like the sky was the limit, because we knew that the quality of the songwriting and performances were so strong. It helped that aside from snazzier clothes and frostier tips, the guys didn't change. They stayed humble and gave us backstage passes to some of their big shows when they could.

In retrospect, considering the musical trends of the 1990s, the Verve Pipe may have been a bit ahead of their time. (I'll remind you that the top hit of 1996 was “Macarena.”) The Verve Pipe's solid power-pop sensibilities would fit in well today with groups like Coldplay, X Ambassadors, and Imagine Dragons. Still, it's quite a legacy to sell three million albums and have your hit frequently picked as a senior class song. Record stores might be almost

extinct — stay strong Record Lounge and FBC! — but the view count for “The Freshman” on YouTube will continue to tick up. Its over 3.6 million today.

P.S. Donny Brown, did you ever find that Cheap Trick drum head you were gonna give me?



Art and romance

Two first-time events come to Lansing in one weekend

By BILL CASTANIER

What do you do with a book when it is old, worn out and worthless? Crafty folks fashion old books into tables and playhouses. Others hollow out books to store contraband. Fashion designers have bound old book covers together to create wearable outfits. A local bookseller once found several \$50 bills hidden between the pages of books at an estate sale. I have a friend who uses "War and Peace" as a doorstop.

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Two Greater Lansing artists, Jane Reiter and Zahrah Resh, are offering another use. The pair, in cooperation with the Friends of Turner-Dodge House, are hosting a book art show and sale on June 12. The show will feature books that are embellished or repurposed as art, as well as handmade books.

Michael Beebe, president of the Friends of Turner-Dodge House, said the idea for the show was presented to the group as a way to bring new visitors to the historic house.

"A book art show is kind of new to this area and could be a very unique show," Beebe said.

"No one was doing a book art show in Lansing," Reiter added, "But we wanted to be more creative than just calling it a book art show. We came up with the



Courtesy Photo

Debbie Viele, of Dimondale, shows off her handmade journal featuring an embossed cover.

name 'Boundless,' which is literal and not too esoteric."

The show has few guidelines for participating artists. Actual books can be altered or used in creative ways, or the pages of books can be turned into visual art. Artists are welcome to work in any medium, including fabric, clay and textiles.

"The artists can interpret 'Boundless' in whatever way they believe is a book," Reiter said, adding that she's hoping to

have at least 30 entries.

The organizers are still accepting submissions, and they are not sure what to expect.

"We are on a bit of a fishing expedition to see what's out there," Reiter said. "There's a method to our madness."

There is no entry fee, and prizes in the form of gift cards to local art and hobby stores will be awarded for first, second, third place and honorable mention entries. Local artist Julie Benson will serve as judge. All of the book art is for sale, with 25 percent going to the Friends of Turner-Dodge House. The event also offers free tours of the home and light refreshments.

The same weekend, on June 11, the Library of Michigan will host the first-ever Michigan Romance Writers Forum with guest speaker Beverly Jenkins.

Jenkins has skyrocketed to literary fame since focusing her writing in the romance genre. She has received numerous awards, including five Waldenbooks/Borders Group best-sellers awards, two career achievement awards from Romantic Times magazine and a Golden Pen award from the Black Writers' Guild. Jenkins was named one of the top 50 African-American writers of the 20th century by the African American Literature Book Club, the nation's largest online African-American book club. She was recently nominated for the NAACP Image Award in literature.

Jenkins will have two new books out this year, "Forbidden," which was released in January, and "Stepping to a New Day," which will hit bookstores later

this month.

The event also includes a panel discussion with local romance writers emceed by Lansing journalist Karen Hopper. The panel of authors features Isabelle Drake, Nancy Gideon, Lorelee Lillibridge, Alyssa Alexander, Dana Corbit Nussio and Elizabeth Heiter.

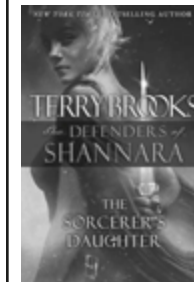
Library of Michigan curator Edwina Murphy, who is coordinating the event, said "genre writing" took a long path to acceptance. The first barrier to fall was the genre of science fiction, with fantasy following soon after.

John Cole, founder and director for the Library of Congress' National Center for the Book, fought diligently to have genre writing included in the National Book Festival lineup. In 2015, after years of discussion, romance novels were finally added to the National Book Festival celebration.

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

EVENTS

Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon to 6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

After School Teen Program. For teens in 6th-12th grades. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Inside Peace: Michigan Premiere. 7-9 p.m. \$5. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-5523, insidepeacemovie.com.

Kidney transplant 101. Community education program for those considering a kidney transplant. 7 p.m. Okemos Conference Center, 2187 University Park Dr., Okemos. (800) 633-7377, beaumont.edu/transplantation.

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Twenty years later



Photo by Anniko O'Meara

Riverwalk Theatre's production of "Rent," which opens Thursday, commemorates the 20th anniversary of the musical's Broadway debut.

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Two decades ago, on Jan. 26, 1996, Jonathan Larson's critically acclaimed musical, "Rent," made its Broadway debut. The show earned four Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize, and it ran for 12 years on Broadway. In 2005, it was made into a feature film.

Larson never lived to see his musical explode into fame. He died unexpectedly the morning of its first preview show. But for "Rent" super fans like Lansing native Kelly Stuibler-Clark, Larson's legacy lives on through the groundbreaking musical. "I saw it on Broadway twice, and I saw the national tour twice," Stuibler-Clark said, "We call ourselves 'Rentheads,' people who know every line and just live and breathe it. That was me in high school and college."

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Stuibler-Clark directs Riverwalk Theatre's production of "Rent," which opens Thursday. She suggested the show because of the anniversary, as well as the chance to explore LGBTQ issues.

"I like to do shows that have a social aspect, that talk about social issues," she said.

The storyline of "Rent" focuses on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S. during the 1980s and '90s, as well as the stigma surrounding the LGBTQ community. For Stuibler-Clark, the musical was a window into a community that was often misrepresented, caricatured or even demonized by mainstream media.

"When I was in high school, I didn't know very many gay people. I remember listening to 'Rent' and being like, 'Oh, ok. So this isn't a big deal,'" she said. "I really like the idea of looking at where the state of HIV and AIDS is and the difference in interaction between gay people then and now."

Riverwalk Theatre brought in consultants to help the cast understand the effects of HIV/AIDS. City Pulse reporter Todd Heywood, a local activist for HIV/AIDS-infected individuals, and Peter Gulick, a local doctor who specializes in infectious diseases, were brought in to speak to the actors. The cast was able to ask about medical terminology used in the play and the types of treatment used in the '80s and '90s,

when the disease was a virtual death sentence.

The community's response to this production, Stuibler-Clark said, is proof of the musical's enduring relevance.

"We had over 75 people audition," she said. "We had a lot of talented people show up. We were hoping to cast 16, and we ended up putting 19 in."

Stuibler-Clark expects the large cast and the popularity of the show will pull in a lot of first-time local theater-goers.

"It was nice to bring in new faces and new cultures and new experiences into the theatre," she said. "I hope that this will bring in their friends and family, so we can mix it up a little bit here and diversify Riverwalk's base."

— EVE KUCHARSKI

"Rent"
Riverwalk Theatre
7 p.m. Thursday, June 2;
8 p.m. Friday, June 3
and Saturday, June 4; 2
p.m. Sunday, June 5; 7
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Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE
BY RICH TUPICA

GONE DOG REUNION AT THE AVENUE CAFE



SAT. JUNE 4TH

Gone Dog

Saturday, June 4 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$5, 8 p.m.

Long defunct Lansing-based group Gone Dog is getting the band back together for a reunion show Saturday at the Avenue Café. This will be the hard rock band's first gig in 22 years. Gone Dog was formed by guitarist Kirk Reedy in 1990 and performed with several lineups over its six-year career. Saturday's lineup includes vocalist Andy Turpen, Derek Fulton (bass), Scott Stephenson (guitar) and drummer Greg Williams. The band is best known for its grunge-tinged 1993 sophomore record, "Muleskinner." After Gone Dog called it quits in '96, its members went on to perform in other local bands, including Fat Amy, Mush, Bingo & Stripe, 19 Wheels and Icy/Dicey. Opening the show are local rock bands Gigantor and Bastards of Young, a Replacements cover band.

PUMPSTOCK AT BAILEY PARK



SAT. JUNE 4TH

The Accidentals

Saturday, June 4 @ Bailey Park, 300 Bailey St., East Lansing. All ages, \$10 suggested donation/FREE for children, 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

Since 2009, Pump House Concerts has brought a host of top-notch singer/songwriters to its live-performance series, held at the Orchard Street Pump House. In 2010, the series launched its own musical festival, Pumpstock. Each year, the outdoor, family-friendly concert is stacked with acoustic performers. This year's lineup features the Accidentals (6:45 p.m.), the Brad Cole Trio (5:30 p.m.), the Mark Croft Trio (4:15 p.m.), the Applesed Collective (3 p.m.) and Cindy McElroy and Friends (2 p.m.). Pumpstock's second stage hosts local acts Monte Pride, Eric Smith, East of Every and Alex Mendenall. Family activities include face painting provided by Annie Belle the clown and art activities, and the park has a playground. Local food vendors, including Velvet A Candy Store and Cottage Inn Pizza serve up ice cream, pizza and more. Organizers encourage attendees to bring chairs and blankets.

B.O.B AT THE LOFT



SAT. JUNE 4TH

B.O.B.

Saturday, June 4 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$25/\$20 adv., 8 p.m.

Atlantic Records/Grand Hustle recording artist Bobby Ray Simmons Jr., aka B.o.B, is known for a string of hits, including "Airplanes," "Strange Clouds," "So Good," and "Both of Us." The emcee shot to stardom after the release of his debut 2010 disc, "B.o.B Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray." The single "Nothin' on You," a pop/rap collaboration featuring Bruno Mars, hit No. 1 and was nominated for three Grammy Awards, including record of the year. Since then, Simmons, 27, has released three more full-lengths, including 2015's "Pscadelik Thoughtz." A departure from his previous efforts, the witty concept album borrows from Jimi Hendrix and George Clinton. All Music Guide dubbed the LP "a druggy, '70s rock- and funk-inspired album." Saturday, the Georgia native headlines an all-ages show at the Loft; openers are Scotty ATL and Shawty Slim.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Odds Fish, 8 p.m.	Throwback Friday, 8 p.m.	Gone Dog, 8 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Chris Laskos, 8 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road				Scott Seth, 5 p.m.
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.			Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.			
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Blue Haired Betties, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Alex Culbreath, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Darb's, 117 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 8 p.m.		Blue Haired Betties, 9 p.m.
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.			
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Fieldhouse, 213 Ann St.		Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.		
Gallery Brewery, 143 Kent St.	Artzy Phartyz Night, 5 p.m.	Open Mic, 7 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9:30 p.m.	Star Farm, 9:30 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.		Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Peter Melichar, 6 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.			Rachel Curtis, 5:30 p.m.	
Leroys, 1526 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		All The Lights Tour, 6 p.m.	Entransient, 7 p.m.	B.o.B., 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	The Body, 8 p.m.	Fishbone, 7 p.m.	Jesus Piece, 7 p.m.	The Meercats, 7 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 9 p.m.	Spoonful, 9 p.m.	John Patrick Peter's Band, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Kathy Ford Band Lansing Live, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 7 p.m.	The Tenants, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Don M. & Rush C., 6:30 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	Lisa B. & Mike Skory, 7 p.m.	Ronny Hernandez Duo, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Mark Sala, 6 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Ronny Hernandez Duo, 6 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 6 p.m.
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Aly'an, 7:30 p.m.	Aly'an, 7:30 p.m.
Uncorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Live Music, 9 p.m.	Live Music, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLachlan, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Patio Blues, 6 p.m.		Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	

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

Thursday, June 2 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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Celebrate Recovery. For all hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

Preschool Science Explorations: Fun with Fireflies. Preschoolers enjoy hands-on science activities. 1-2:30 p.m. \$4. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

Prostate Cancer Support Group of Mid-Michigan. Share and learn from the experiences of others. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 364-5349.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2 >> SIMON JOYNER AT WILSON CENTER AUDITORIUM

Nebraska-based singer/songwriter Simon Joyner comes to Wilson Center Auditorium in St. Johns for a night of indie-folk music. A trailblazer in the Omaha indie-rock scene, Joyner has been described by indie-folk icon Conor Oberst, aka Bright Eyes, as an "American songwriting treasure." In the early '90s, Beck included Joyner in a list of top 10 albums for Rolling Stone magazine. Joyner is promoting his new book of lyrics, "Only Love Can Bring You Peace: Selected Lyrics 1990-2014," and his latest album, "Grass, Branch & Bone." Local musicians Elliott Eremita and Aidan Pope (of the American Automobile) open the show. 7 p.m. \$7. The Wilson Center Auditorium, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns. (989) 227-2425, wilsoncenterauditorium.org.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsky

June 1-7

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The voices in our heads are our constant companions. They fill our inner sanctuary with streams of manic commentary. Often we're not fully cognizant of the bedlam, since the outer world dominates our focus. But as soon as we close our eyes and turn our attention inward, we're immersed in the jabbering babble. That's the bad news, Aries. Now here's the good news. In the coming weeks you will have far more power than usual to ignore, dodge, or even tamp down the jabbering babble. As a result, you may get a chance to spend unprecedented amounts of quality time with the still, small voice at your core — the wise guide that is often drowned out by all the noise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): We are inclined to believe that the best way to see the whole picture or the complete story is from above. The eagle that soars overhead can survey a vast terrain in one long gaze. The mountaintop perspective affords a sweeping look at a vast landscape. But sometimes this perspective isn't perfectly useful. What we most need to see may be right next to us, or nearby, and it's only visible if our vision is narrowly focused. Here's how poet Charles Bernstein expresses it: "What's missing from the bird's eye view is plain to see on the ground." Use this clue in the coming weeks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I foresee fertile chaos in your immediate future, Gemini. I predict lucky accidents and smoldering lucidity and disciplined spontaneity. Do you catch the spirit of what I'm suggesting? Your experiences will not be describable by tidy theories. Your intentions will not fit into neat categories. You will be a vivid embodiment of sweet paradoxes and crazy wisdom and confusing clarity. Simple souls may try to tone you down, but I hope you will evade their pressure as you explore the elegant contradictions you encounter. Love your life exactly as it is! Methodical improvisations will be your specialty. Giving gifts that are both selfish and unselfish will be one of your best tricks. "Healing extremes" will be your code phrase of power.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): According to many sources on the Internet, "werifesteria" is an obscure word from Old English. But my research suggests it was in fact dreamed up within the last few years by a playful hoaxster. Regardless of its origins, I think it's an apt prescription to fix what's bugging you. Here's the definition: "to wander longingly through the forest in search of mystery and adventure." If you are not currently seeking out at least a metaphorical version of that state, I think you should be. Now is an excellent time to reap the catalytic benefits of being willingly lost in a wild, idyllic, relaxing setting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I'm debating about which of your astrological houses will be your featured hotspot in the coming days. I'm guessing it will come down to two options: your House of Valid Greed and your House of Obligatory Sharing. The House of Valid Greed has a good chance to predominate, with its lush feasts and its expansive moods. But the House of Obligatory Sharing has an austere beauty that makes it a strong possibility, as well. Now here's the trick ending, Leo: I'd like to see if you can emphasize both houses equally; I hope you'll try to inhabit them both at the same time. Together they will grant you a power that neither could bestow alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Between now and July 25, there's a chance you will reach the peak of a seemingly unclimbable mountain. You could win a privilege that neither you nor anyone else ever dreamed was within your reach. It's possible you'll achieve a milestone you've been secretly preparing for since childhood. Think I'm exaggerating, Virgo? I'm not. You could break a record for the biggest or best or fastest, or you might finally sneak past an obstacle that has cast a shadow over your self-image for years. And even if none of these exact events comes to pass, the odds are excellent that you will accomplish another unlikely or monu-

mental feat. Congratulations in advance!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "My mother gave birth to me once, yeah yeah yeah," writes author Sara Levine. "But I've redone myself a million times." I'm sure she is not demeaning her mom's hard work, but rather celebrating her own. When's the last time you gave birth to a fresh version of yourself? From where I stand, it looks like the next 12 to 15 months will be one of those fertile phases of reinvention. And right now is an excellent time to get a lightning-flash glimpse of what the New You might look like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Author Rebecca Solnit offers some tough advice that I think you could use. "Pain serves a purpose," she says. "Without it you are in danger. What you cannot feel you cannot take care of." With that in mind, Scorpio, I urge you to take full advantage of the suffering you're experiencing. Treat it as a gift that will motivate you to transform the situation that's causing you to hurt. Honor it as a blessing you can use to rise above the mediocre or abusive circumstances you have been tolerating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Aphorist James Guida contemplates the good results that can come from not imposing expectations on the raw reality that's on its way. "Not to count chickens before they're hatched," he muses, "or eggs before they're laid, chickens who might possibly lay eggs, birds from afar might be confused with chickens." I recommend this strategy for you in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. Experiment with the pleasure of being wide open to surprises. Cultivate a mood of welcoming one-of-a-kind people, things, and events. Be so empty you have ample room to accommodate an influx of new dispensations. As James Guida concludes: "Not to count or think of chickens."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "No gift is ever exactly right for me," mourns Capricorn poet James Richardson. Don't you dare be like him in the coming days. Do whatever you must to ensure that you receive at least one gift that's exactly right for you. Two gifts would be better; three sublime. Here's another thought from Richardson: "Success repeats itself until it is a failure." Don't you dare illustrate that theory. Either instigate changes in the way you've been achieving success, or else initiate an entirely new way. Here's one more tip from Richardson: "Those who demand consideration for their sacrifices were making investments, not sacrifices." Don't you dare be guilty of that sin. Make sacrifices, not investments. If you do, your sacrifices will ultimately turn out to be good investments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Life will invite you to explore the archetype of the Ethical Interloper in the coming days. The archetype of the Helpful Transgressor may tempt you, as well, and even the Congenial Meddler or the Compassionate Trickster might look appealing. I urge you to consider experimenting with all of these. It will probably be both fun and productive to break taboos in friendly ways. You could reconnoiter forbidden areas without freaking anyone out or causing a troublesome ruckus. If you're sufficiently polite and kind in expressing your subversive intentions, you might leave a trail of good deeds in your wake.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your theme comes from the title of a poem by Fortesa Latifi: "I Am Still Learning How to Do the Easy Things." During the next phase of your astrological cycle, I invite you to specialize in this study. You may imagine that you are already a master of the simple, obvious arts of life, but here's the news: Few of us are. And the coming weeks will be a favorable time for you to refine your practice. Here's a good place to start: Eat when you're hungry, sleep when you're tired, and give love when you're lonely.

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meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

MUSIC

Open Mic @ The Colonial Bar & Grill. Weekly bring-your-own-instrument open mic. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. The Colonial Bar & Grille, 3425 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132.

Simon Joyner in Concert. Singer/songwriter performs. 7-9 p.m. \$7. Wilson Center Auditorium, 101 W. Cass St., St. Johns. wilsoncenterauditorium.org.

THEATER

RENT. Rock musical. 7-9 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

EVENTS

6th Annual Hidden Key Fashion Show. Fashion show benefiting cancer research. 5:30 p.m. \$75. Spartan Stadium, 325 W. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. ow.ly/up5s3007fhk.

Capital Area Audubon Society. Annual ice-cream social. All are welcome. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. capitalareaaudubon.org.

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

THEATER

Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. \$15. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

RENT. Rock musical. 8-9 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2 >> HIDDEN KEY FASHION SHOW AT SPARTAN STADIUM

Are you interested in Spartan athletics, fashion and supporting a good cause? The sixth annual Hidden Key Fashion Show, hosted by the Aitch Foundation, features MSU coaches, former athletes and cancer survivors on the runway sporting clothing from local designers and retailers like Lady Aitch Designs, Kositchek's, Playmakers, Matilda Jane Clothing. Funds raised by the fashion show go toward research at MSU to advance early detection of cancer. 5:30-11:30 p.m. \$100/\$75 adv. Spartan Stadium, fourth floor stadium suites. 535 Chestnut Road, East Lansing. (517) 410-9916, aitchfoundation.com.



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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Willard's Theme"—featuring a few minor characters.
Matt Jones

Across

- 1 "... why ___ thou forsaken me?"
- 5 Agitated state
- 11 "Cool" amount of money
- 14 Largest of seven
- 15 Pacify
- 16 "UHF" actress Sue ___ Langdon
- 17 Cardio boxing animal?
- 19 ___ juste
- 20 Colgate rival, once
- 21 Two-tone cookie
- 22 Exhale after a long run
- 23 Lewis and Helmsley, for two
- 25 Servicemember with the motto "We build. We fight"
- 27 Nightfall, in an ode
- 28 2012 Republican National Convention city
- 32 How some people learn music
- 33 Chemical analysis kit used on the banks of a waterway?
- 35 One of its letters stands for "Supported"
- 37 Family surname in a 2016 ABC sitcom
- 38 Portraits and such
- 39 Shopping center featuring earth-toned floor coverings?
- 42 "All Quiet on the Western Front" star Lew
- 43 Black, as a chimney
- 44 Krivoy ___, Ukraine
- 47 Old Navy's sister store
- 49 Belgian ___
- 51 Bit of anguish
- 52 Got 103% on (includ-



- ing extra credit)
 - 56 Peace advocates
 - 57 The ___ Glove ("As Seen on TV" mitt)
 - 58 Neighborhood a long way from the nearest pie?
 - 60 "Funky Cold Medina" rapper Tone ___
 - 61 "Amazing," to '80s dudes
 - 62 Great Lakes port
 - 63 Nickname of 2004 Cooperstown inductee Dennis
 - 64 Cannabis variety
 - 65 What you might say when you get the theme answers (or if you can't figure them out)
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 - 2 Snowden in Moscow, e.g.
 - 3 San ___ (Hearst Castle site)
 - 4 "What I do have are a very particular set of skills" movie
 - 5 25-Across's gp.
 - 6 Launch cancellation
 - 7 Serengeti sound
 - 8 Raison d' ___
 - 9 Chases away
 - 10 Auto racer ___ Fabi
 - 11 Her bed was too soft
 - 12 Sans intermission
 - 13 11th in a series
 - 18 Classic violin maker
 - 22 2002 eBay acquisition
 - 24 Delight in
 - 26 Go out, like the tide
 - 29 Meal handouts
 - 30 Newman's Own competitor
 - 31 Battleground of 1836
 - 33 Power shake ingredient, maybe
 - 34 Get ___ start
 - 35 "Julius Caesar" phrase before "and let slip the dogs of war"
 - 36 Minor symptom of whiplash
 - 39 One way to enter a hidden cave?
 - 40 Gp. concerned with hacking
 - 41 "Hollywood Squares" veteran Paul Geraldo
 - 44 Talk show host
 - 45 No longer upset
 - 46 Beaux ___ (gracious acts)
 - 48 Word after war or oil
 - 50 Medicine dispenser
 - 53 Drug ___
 - 54 Pound of poetry
 - 55 "Burning Giraffes in Yellow" painter
 - 58 Some movie ratings
 - 59 Prefix meaning "power"

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Friday, June 3

THEATER

From Earth to the Universe. Planetarium show about the history of astronomy. 8-9 p.m. \$4/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672, abramsplanetarium.org.
Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond.

8 p.m. \$35. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.
RENT. Rock musical. 8-9 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

EVENTS

Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinic. Cats and dogs receive free rabies vaccinations and \$5 distemper shots. Microchipping for \$15. Noon-4 p.m. ICAC Community Outreach Center, 826 W. Saginaw

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JUNE 3 >> ARTS NIGHT OUT

The Arts Night Out kickoff in Old Town brought an estimated 2,000 people to the boutique neighborhood last month. Friday, the multi-site art event comes to downtown East Lansing. Participating businesses and galleries are paired with visual and performing artists to create an evening of pop-up art experiences. East Lansing's Saper Gallery celebrates 30 years of business at the event, offering live music by Elden Kelly. The city will also unveil its new community-funded mosaic, which was created by local artist Julian Van Dyke. 5-8 p.m. FREE. Downtown East Lansing (see the website for participating locations). (517) 372-4636, myartsnightout.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 >> BAD BREWING BLOCK PARTY

Mason's downtown brewery invites you to kick your summer off in a bad way with the BAD Summer Block Party. Hosted by BAD Brewing Co., this outdoor event features live music, food from Good Bites food truck and 30 BAD beers and ciders on tap. The drink list includes rarities like a tequila barrel aged pale ale and a version of the brewery's Kracken IPA made with black peppercorns and tangerine peel. Attendees must be 21 or older. A portion of the proceeds will go to Small Talk Children's Assessment Center, which provides services for victims of child abuse. 5-11 p.m. \$5. BAD Brewing Company, 440 S. Jefferson St., Mason. (517) 676-7664, facebook.com/badbrewing.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 >> SWILL & SWINE FEST

Lansing Brewing Co. kicks off the summer with its first ever Swill & Swine fest. Admission includes three tickets that are good for one draft beer or one food plate, which includes a pulled pork sandwich, corn on the cob and chips. The brewery also unveils a new smoked beer, and cover band Avon Bomb provides live music for the day's festivities. Attendees must be 21 or older. \$5 from each ticket sold will go to Ele's Place, which provides services for children and teens who lose close family members. 4-8 p.m. \$25/\$20 mug club members. Lansing Brewing Co., 518 East Shiawassee St., Lansing. (517) 371-2600, swillandswine.eventbrite.com.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4 >> BE A TOURIST IN YOUR TOWN

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JUNE 4-5 >> LANSINGOUT SPRING CONCERT

LanSINGout pays tribute to its favorite rock 'n' roll artists with its spring concert, "Rock-n-Roll: Music That Changed Our Lives" LanSINGout, founded in 1988 as the Greater Lansing Gay Men's Chorus, was formed to present a positive image of the gay community and provide a safe place for gay men and allies to socialize. 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. \$10-\$20. Molly Grove Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. lansingout.org.

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Saturday, June 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi at the Park. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. No class April 30. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

MUSIC

LanSINGout Men's Chorus Spring Concert. "Rock n Roll, Music That Changed Our Lives!"

7:30-9:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Molly Grove Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, 510 West Ottawa St., Lansing. (517) 885-5317, lansingout.org.

The Meercats 10th Anniversary Show. Original lineup returns for first show since 2010. 7-midnight. \$8 advance/\$10 at the door. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

EVENTS

Be A Tourist in Your Own Town. Purchase a 'passport' for admission to 50+ attractions. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$1. Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 180, Lansing. (800) 648-6630, lansing.org/batyot.

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

Frog Forage Campfire. Educational program with campfire and guided walk. 7-8:30 p.m. \$3/\$7 per family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road,

Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.
Lansing Bike and Seek. Scavenger hunt around the city. 2-8 p.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (734) 358-1654, ow.ly/10nBYe.

THEATER

Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. \$28. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

RENT. Rock musical. 8-9 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

Sunday, June 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate levels. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800

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EVENTS

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

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

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

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

ARTS

Art Opening for Mary Reed. Show on wildlife and landscape photography. 3-5 p.m. FREE. EagleMonk Pub & Brewery, 4906 W. Mount Hope Highway, Lansing. (517) 708-7350, eaglemonkbrewing.com.

THEATER

Chapatti. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 2 p.m. \$25. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

RENT. Rock musical. 2 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

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Tuesday, June 7

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

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

Compassionate Friends Support Group. For

Monday, June 6

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Figure Drawing. No drawing experience needed. 6-9 p.m. \$15. Inner Ascended Masters Ministry, 5705 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. lightiam.org.

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

EVENTS

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.

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grieving parents who have lost a child. 7:30-9 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing.

Overeaters Anonymous. Support for weight loss efforts. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Presbyterian Church, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 819-3294.

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Have a support system, lose weight. Wheelchair accessible. Weigh-in 6:30, meeting 7 p.m. FREE first visit. St. Therese Church, 102 W. Randolph St., Lansing. tops.org.

Teen Advisory Council. Leadership group for grades 9-12. Enroll online. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Building Twentyone, 1288 N. Cedar St., Mason. (517) 889-5103, ow.ly/Yu9ZM.

Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. Learn public speaking. 7-8:30 a.m. Studio 1210 Place, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com.

Transgender Support Group for Parents, Guardians, and Families. 7:15-9 p.m. FREE. Call for location. (517) 927-8260.

MUSIC

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EVENTS

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

Downtown River Market. With nutrition demos and live music. 3-7 p.m. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing. (517) 483-7460, ow.ly/sqJs300GI5W.

Weekday Wildflower Walk. Naturalist-led walk to observe wildflowers. 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

Wednesday, June 8

EVENTS

Post-Polio Support Group Meeting. Topic: "Eating Wisely"- food intolerance and maintaining health. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE, Donations welcome. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 339-1039.

Allen Street Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon to 6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

After School Teen Program. For teens in 6th-12th grades. 3-5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Meditation. For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 351-5866, lamc.info.

Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

MUSIC

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Best Buds
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 Hours-
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Best Buds is one of Lansing's leading medical marijuana provisioning centers that provides safe access to medical marijuana patients as a means of relief from any number of medical conditions. We are dedicated to providing an alternative method of improving our patients quality of life.



Got Meds
 3405 S. Cedar St, Lansing
 (517) 253-7468
 Hours- Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-midnight
 Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-2 a.m.
 Sun: 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

Got Meds is a donation-based organization committed to meeting its customers' needs. As a result, a high percentage of our business is from repeat customers and referrals. Our budtenders are knowledgeable and experienced, allowing us to deliver you the best services and products in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.



Cannaisseur
 3200 N. East St., Lansing
 (517) 580-6702
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sun: 11am-6pm

Our mission at Cannaisseur is to provide MMMP patients with a safe, secure location to obtain high quality cannabis and cannabis products at a fair price from a compassionate, professional, knowledgeable staff. We strive to make your experience great! Stop by today. All new patients receive a free strain specific preroll!



MI CASA
 1039 N. Cedar St., Lansing
 (517) 763-2880
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Top Shelf Meds without the top shelf prices! We have a wide variety of quality alternative meds including CBD options, concentrates, and medibles, as well as a large selection of dry herb. Check us out on Instagram and Facebook for specials! @micasalansing. Open 10-10 every day! MMMP Compliant Only.



The Emerald City
 2200 S. Cedar St., Lansing
 (517) 253-0397
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sun: Noon-5pm

Emerald City is one of Lansing's oldest and fastest growing provision centers! We Strive to provide the most comfortable, professional and cleanest atmosphere to access medical marijuana in the state of Michigan. Our meds are the highest quality at the best possible prices we can provide. Text: "wizard" to 424.333.4872



StarBuds
 1210 N. Larch St., Lansing
 starbuds-mi.com
 Hours-
 Mon-Fri: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun: Noon- 5 p.m.

StarBuds combines years of experience serving the Lansing area with an educated staff to bring you an unparalleled selection of quality products and accurate marijuana information. Our mission is to give you high-quality tested medicine with an emphasis on patient education. StarBuds is here to help!



Greenwave Dispensary
 500 E. Oakland Ave., Lansing
 (517) 763-2717
 Hours-
 Sun-Wed: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Thurs-Sat 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Greenwave Dispensary Lansing sets the standard in cannabis therapy. The staff excels in patient care and focuses on aligning cannabinoids to combat illnesses and debilitating conditions. All Greenwave products are tested from ISO certified laboratories. Greenwave provides a safe and secure environment located on the corner of Oakland and Cedar.



Quality Alternative Medicine
 1414 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
 (517) 253-8217
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Quality Alternative Medicine is located conveniently on South Pennsylvania carrying flower, wax, shatter, hash, edibles, and CBD Extracts! We will help set up your very own grow room and we even carry clones to order! Come in today for all your medication needs!



Homegrown Provisioning Center
 628 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
 (517) 253-7362
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Sun: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Homegrown Michigan was established to help care for certified Michigan Medical Marijuana patients who are looking for secure and safe access to reasonably priced high grade medical marijuana. We are "homegrown" caregivers who are here to meet your medical needs. Hard Cards and valid Michigan ID only, no paperwork accepted. \$25 1/8's everyday. We see patients, not profit. Under the green cross.



Nature's Alternative
 2521 S. Cedar St., Lansing
 (517) 253-7290
 Hours-
 Mon-Sat: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Sun: Noon-5 p.m.

Our mission at Nature's Alternative is to provide access to high quality, medical marijuana in a safe and professional environment. We are committed to helping patients find the most effective relief for their qualifying ailments. A wide variety of lab tested medical marijuana flowers, edibles and extracts are always available.



Puff N Stuff
 229 W. Grand River Ave., Lansing
 (517) 708-0570
 Hours-
 Mon.-Thurs. 10am-10pm
 Fri. & Sat. 10 am-11 pm
 Sun. 12 pm-5pm (Farmer's Market)

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