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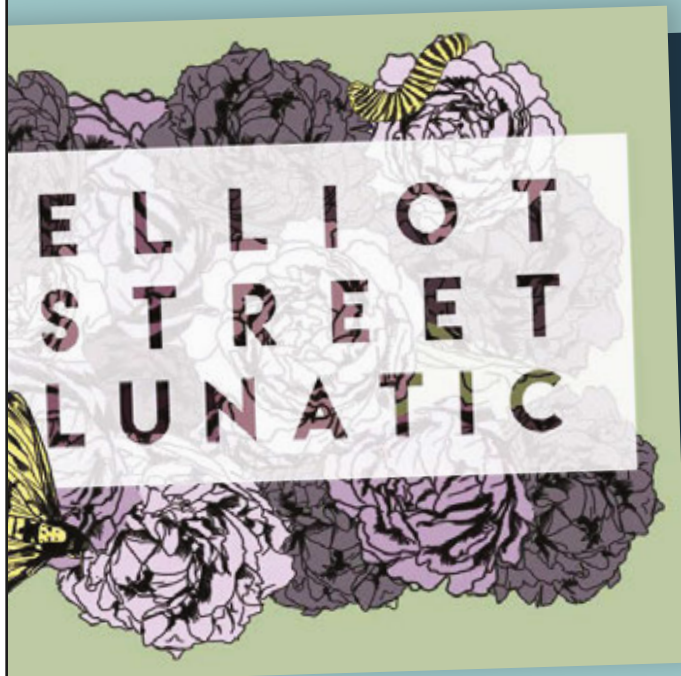
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The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 27, 2016** at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents of the City of Lansing to appear and be heard with regard to a request for a waiver of the Noise Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 654 of the Code of Ordinances, filed by Consumers Energy Company and their contractor be permitted to work some evenings Monday through Friday from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, some Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and up to six (6) Sundays from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, June 13, 2016**, at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Tenth Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 West Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan, for the purpose of supporting or opposing:

Act-5-2014, Grand Woods Park, W. Willow Hwy., Sale of approximately 139.3 acres.

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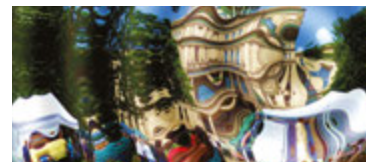
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## \$35 M for infrastructure

Ingham County bonding considered to help fund Lansing's Red Cedar project

The developers of the Red Cedar Renaissance project on Michigan Avenue in Lansing may seek about \$35 million in bonds funded through Ingham County for construction of the elaborate infrastructure needed to raise the proposed mixed-use building above the Grand River floodplain.

"They have a better credit rating than the city of Lansing, and thus you would have, over the course of 20-plus years, \$7 to \$10 million savings in interest rates," said Bob Trezise, the CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

The proposal was greeted with skepticism by the president of the Lansing City Council, Judi Brown Clarke. "I can't even fathom why the county would even be remotely interested in bonding for that," she said. "Why would a taxpayer in Leslie or Stockbridge care about this?"

LEAP is working with developers to shepherd the project, which will cost \$196 million in private investment, through the necessary approval avenues. The project will also require \$70 million in public funds for infrastructure.

Under the proposal being floated by Trezise, the county would seek about \$35 million in bonds to build plinths — in essence, giant cement pads. Those platforms would then serve as the base for the development of market-rate housing, town homes, retail space, a boutique hotel, another traditional hotel, and student housing for an estimated 1,200 students on the far east side of the former Red Cedar Golf Course.

Because the property is parkland owned by the city, it does not generate property tax. Once it is sold to a private entity it will begin to generate tax revenues, which in turn will be captured to pay back the county bond expenses, an arrangement known as Tax Increment Financing or TIF.

Trezise said that budgets supplied by the developers show that the project would generate enough property tax revenue to cover the cost of the bonds each

year. He said either the city or the county have the ability to issue the bonds, and that neither is near its bond capacity. He declined to offer specific numbers.

Kara Hope, D-Delhi Township, who chairs the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, said she has had preliminary conversations about the proposal.

As for putting the county's full faith and credit behind the project, she said it was a "good question and not something I take lightly, especially in light of the other large capital projects we have coming our way — like the jail.

"I want to take a closer look and see if this is just a boon for the developers, or



Image from Lansing Economic Area Partnership

An artistic rendering from a bird's eye view of how the proposed \$196 million Red Cedar Renaissance project could look when completed.

if it really benefits the entire community," Hope said.

Council President Brown Clarke also wondered whether county taxpayers would support underwriting millions of dollars for the development.

Trezise argued the project is "a catalyst" to "regional development hopes and aspirations into the future."

"Michigan Avenue is truly the backbone for the entire area," he said.

But with investment in development projects comes risk, Trezise said. The entire project could fail, but that is part of why the agreements and plans have taken nearly two years to come to fruition.

"All we can do is minimize the risk," he said. "We've been tenacious in our work in protecting the taxpayers."

Developers signed a pre-development agreement with the city in November 2014 that expires Tuesday. Trezise said there won't be a final purchase agreement and development agreement by then with Ferguson Development and

partner developer Continental Real Estate Cos. He said they will seek an extension of the pre-development agreement through the City Council.

Brown Clarke said on Monday she was surprised to hear that the Council would be asked to extend the pre-development agreement.

"Our next meeting is in June," she said. "It's going to time-out before our next meeting."

She was concerned the agreement had not been brought to the Council's Monday meeting, the last one of the month. She said a special meeting could happen, but with the impending holiday weekend it was unlikely. Councilmembers Patricia Spitzley and Adam Hussain are already out of state traveling, meaning all six of the remaining eight members of the body would have to be at the meeting. Approval of the deal would require six votes, she noted, since it is financial in nature.

Trezise said the project was "extraordinarily complicated."

"We have all the pieces on the table," Trezise said. "But we haven't put them all together. We don't even have a draft in place of a development agreement."

While the pre-development agreement put a payment to the city for the golf course by developers

at \$7.5 million, Trezise said that final number could change. He declined to estimate what the final payment might be.

"We have a pretty good idea in our mind right now right now, but I would not say it out loud because it could change still. It depends on what routes the bonds go," Trezise said. "We would have to pay attention to how much benefit the city is getting from the bond sales."

Those benefits could include how much money the municipalities, Lansing and the county, stand to make in the return on the bonds, he said.

"It is all coming together in the next couple of weeks," Trezise said. He said developers and LEAP expect to break ground in August.

Brown Clarke said that time frame was a surprise. "Whoa, that's quick."

— Todd Heywood



Property: Alice B. Cowles House  
East Lansing

To begin, the name of this house is pronounced "coals," like the lumps found in the Christmas stockings of naughty children. Designed by architect J. J. Scott of Toledo, the building was one of 11 houses known as Faculty Row. This string of residences was constructed for Michigan Agricultural College faculty between 1857 and 1874, along what is now West Circle Drive.

This home, formerly called "Number Seven," was separated from the other buildings and was sited facing them from the south side of the road. This circumstance likely contributed to its continued existence after the other houses were demolished to make way for larger classroom buildings and dormitories.

Cowles House is regarded as the oldest building on campus, although extensive renovations have reduced the original fabric of the building to its foundation, plus the north (front) and east elevations. A clear change in brickwork and window proportions are easily noted along the front elevation.

The home's original bricks were produced locally, using clay gathered from the Red Cedar River by college students. One of those students was named Albewles. His grandson, university alumnus Frederick Cowles Jenison provided the funds used in the 1950s remodel and renamed the home after his mother.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

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



## New objection raised Bernero rejects Council's time limit on interim attorney appointment

When The Lansing City Council approved Mayor Virg Bernero's appointment of Joseph Abood as the interim city attorney on March 28, it did so for just two months.

But with the expiration date looming, Bernero has informed the Council that he intends to ignore the deadline.

"My administration will continue to recognize Mr. Abood as the city's interim city attorney until such time as I refer his appointment to Council as permanent city attorney or appoint a different individual to this position," Bernero wrote the council on Monday, "and I urge the City Council to do the same."

Bernero said that the Council overstepped its authority when it limited the time of the appointment. "Although a time limit is part and parcel of an interim position, the City Council does not have the legal authority to establish such a limit," he wrote.

Randy Hannan, Bernero's chief of staff, was present when the resolution



Abood

was approved the Council. He did not object to the two-month time limit, video of the meetings available on the city's website show. The resolution, including the two-month time limit, was approved by Abood himself.

"Randy was sitting right there through the whole discussion and after, and he never said anything. Exactly when did it become a problem?" asked Council President Judi Brown Clarke.

The mayor's move comes as the Council and Bernero tangle over the departure of former City Attorney Janene McIntyre. Council wants an explanation of why she

left — with a hefty \$160,000 payout, plus a year's worth of benefits, including health care. Bernero, for his part, says it's a personnel matter. He also told WILS morning radio host Dave Akerly that he gave McIntyre an "\$80,000 bonus," on the way out the door. Brown Clarke has estimated that the McIntyre affair could cost the city more than \$250,000 in payouts and legal expenses.

During the earlier fights between Bernero and the Council over the McIntyre events, Bernero has consistently said he retained sole authority for supervision of departmental heads, including the city attorney. But the city attorney reports to both the mayor and the Council.

"It seems whenever it is convenient for the mayor, the city attorney is an employee of both City Council and the mayor," said Brown Clarke. "But whenever it's inconvenient, then the city attorney is an employee of the mayor and the administration."

Abood is also facing harsh criticism by the Council after a City Pulse report last week by City Council revealed significant ethical concerns. That report revealed that while maintaining a 50 percent interest in the Abood Law Firm since start-

ing with the city of Lansing, he failed to file financial disclosure forms acknowledging the relationship, as required by the City's ethics laws. In addition to that, the Abood Law Firm is one of 39 approved outside legal counsel firms for the city.

Abood has since told WLNS that he believes his brother, Andrew, will be asking the city to remove the Abood Law Firm from a list of approved outside legal firms.

Concerns were also raised about the employment of his daughter, Nicole Malson. Malson was hired by McIntyre as an administrative assistant to both McIntyre and Abood when he served as deputy city attorney. She has been reporting directly to him as interim city attorney. Abood told the Council in March that it was not an agreeable situation.

Hannan said last week the Bernero had given Abood to resolve the issue by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, the same day her nearly \$55,000-a-year contract expires.

— Todd Heywood



## Ex-state rep. faces jail DeWeese pleads guilty To defrauding Blue Cross

Former Ingham County state Rep. Paul DeWeese is facing up to five years in federal prison after pleading guilty last week to defrauding Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan through his medical practice.

City Pulse has also learned that DeWeese voluntarily surrendered his Michigan medical license for life earlier this month and agreed to pay a \$10,000 fine. His license was suspended last year following an FBI raid on his Lansing office.

Before felony charges were ever formally entered in early April, DeWeese

had signed a plea agreement in the U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids.

DeWeese admitted to instructing his staff to falsify records at NBO Medical, clinics the physician owned in Flint and Grand Rapids but wasn't present at. Two individuals included his electronic signature on records he was obligated to personally review in order to be able to bill BCBSM for their cost.

As part of his plea agreement, DeWeese could face up to five years in jail, three years of probation, a fine up to twice as much of the losses involved and a mandatory \$100 fee.

He will have to pay Blue Cross Blue Shield \$172,991.56 in restitution — precisely the amount DeWeese had the insurance corporation fraudulently billed for. He could be fined, though, up to twice that amount.

The agreement filed in federal court was signed by DeWeese March 22 and by his lawyer, Larry Willey, on March 28.

"This was a resolution that happened before there was a charge, which is not unusual," Willey said. "In this case, negotiations occurred before there was a



DeWeese

formal charge. That's the reason for the dates."

DeWeese had first been named in a civil suit in December 2012, where two former employees of the clinics alleged they had been improperly billing patients. When they raised concerns, they were fired.

They brought a host of allegations against DeWeese, accusing him of also defrauding Medicare and Medicaid by enticing patients into receiving medically unnecessary screenings and physical therapy, then billing the programs to increase revenue while not collecting co-pays from the patients, according to court documents.

The terms of the plea agreement indicate the federal prosecutors, who were originally a party in the civil suit along with the state, won't be pressing additional charges in that case.

The civil suit was settled out of court earlier this month. The original complaint demands a jury trial for their allegations, but that will evidently not be held. Court documents revealed a statement from DeWeese, evidently discussing his conduct.

He admits that his lax approach to pain management "made it easier for some of my patients to divert to illegal ends controlled substances I prescribed."

"I pursued this arena of medical practice because there is a high unmet need for treatment and because of the immense amount of suffering associate with chronic unrelieved pain and untreated addiction," he said in the statement. "While my motivation was honorable, my actions at times contributed to the problems."

DeWeese is scheduled to be back in court for sentencing Aug. 22.

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#### Notice of Public Hearing

The Ingham County Housing Commission has developed its 2016 Annual Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Plan is available for review at the Housing Commission Office located in Carriage Lane Apartments, 3882 Dobie Rd. Okemos, MI. The Housing Commission office hours are Monday – Friday 8am-5pm. Please call 517-349-1643 for an appointment. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room of Carriage Lane Apartments. Public is welcome.

Shanda Johnston  
Executive Director

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## Island of urgency

### Energy forum a study in contrast between MSU and state government

While MSU has taken the wheel and started to drive its own transition from coal toward renewable energy, the state of Michigan is still fussing with a stack of road maps. That's the impression left by a public policy forum last week on Michigan's energy future in downtown Lansing.

The monthly events, hosted by MSU's Institute for Public Policy, seem to be settling into a pattern, familiar from a March 16 forum on the Flint water crisis: Researchers from MSU lay out a six-alarm, house-on-fire problem, talk about how they're dealing with it in-house and gently suggest broader policy solutions, while an official from Gov. Rick Snyder's office lists a few modest, market-driven tweaks that dribble on the fringes of the blaze. After the scheduled talks, the MSU people stick around to answer questions and the state official slips out of the room.

MSU's sustainability director, Anne Erhardt, said the university is not only reducing greenhouse gases and becoming more energy efficient, but it is also investing in energy research and becoming a "leader in sustainable energy."

Last year, MSU's power plant completed the switch from coal to a mix of natural gas and biofuel. Erhardt told the group that the university had reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 25.2 percent since 2010 and she hoped it would hit 30 percent this year.

The energy plan approved by the MSU Board of Trustees in 2012 calls for the 5,200-acre campus and its 545 buildings to be powered by 40 percent renewables by 2030 and 100 percent in the long term. She reported that renewable energy accounted for 8.5 percent of MSU's total energy use in 2014-15, up from 2 percent in 2012.

To that end, five parking lots on south campus will be fitted with solar carports expected to generate 10 MW of electricity. The project, approved in September 2015, is still in the planning phase. The peak power demand on campus is 63 megawatts, according to data from MSU.

Besides the carports, Erhardt and col-

league Donald Morelli described a series of "working research" and plain-old-research projects at MSU tackling solar tech, storage batteries, biofuels, capture of waste heat and other energy sources.

"MSU is doing a lot of things to make its distribution and production system a lot more efficient and a lot more diverse," she said.

By contrast, Robert Jackson, a high-ranking official at the state's Agency for Energy, spoke with the urgency of a middle manager considering a cost-cutting switch from two-ply to one-ply tissue. Snyder created the agency in March to "help Michigan reduce energy waste and adapt to changing needs and technology."

Jackson didn't mention climate change or greenhouse gases. He talked about putting together "a stakeholder group that's putting together a road map."

"We're also engaged in looking at and creating road maps," he continued, "and one of them is an energy markets road map."

Jackson listed several modest measures such as requiring industrial operations to replace or repair aging equipment with energy efficient technology. "Requiring" may be too strong a word. Jackson said the state is "trying to encourage putting in place markets that would address" the problem.

It was left to Donald Morelli, a professor of materials science at MSU, to inject a sense of urgency into the forum.

"We can't talk about energy without talking about climate," he said.

The world's future, Morelli said, depends on "how much carbon we put into the atmosphere and how we control it." He presented climate models that ranged from "a degree or two" global rise in temperature to five or six degrees before century's end.

The latter scenario, he said, would have "catastrophic effects like the swamping of cities near the water's edge, melting of polar ice caps and so on."

Morelli added that even though hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have spiked a bonanza in domestic oil production, but "we're still talking about a finite resource."

"There's only so much oil inside the earth and eventually we're going to take it all out," he said.

Morelli named several MSU research projects with potentially significant impact on the nation's energy mix, including the transparent photo-voltaic panels developed by Professor Richard Lunt at MSU.

"Take a skyscraper in New York City, 100 stories tall — we can coat the windows with material," he said.

"The transparent panels will generate electricity, won't block the view, and will even absorb infra-red radiation that causes buildings to warm up in the summer."

Wei Lai, a professor of chemical engineering, recently got a \$500,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop cheaper, non-lithium-based, non-flammable battery technology. (The batteries would be based on sodium, which is more plentiful.)

Morelli himself is working on capturing and using waste heat, a potentially significant source of energy, from a wide variety of industrial processes, ranging from large diesel generators to automobile exhaust pipes.

Erhardt said the most conspicuous of MSU's "research in action" projects, combining research and present-day usefulness, is MSU's anaerobic digester, installed in 2013. The digester processes food waste from campus into methane, creating electricity, for about 30 farm buildings on south campus.

Although MSU President Lou Anna Simon has declared she wants the university to take the lead on energy, she isn't acting in a vacuum. Erhardt said MSU's energy initia-

tives are tied to the state's public policy, or lack of it.

Responding to a question from the audience, Erhardt said MSU's decision to wean itself off coal "made sense," in part, because of the state law's renewable energy mandate.

"Policy and public perception of energy and sustainability has been one of the driving forces of the energy plan — the need for change, the desire for change," she said. "But that progress is also made and/or challenged by the political environment."

The questioner asked Erhardt to comment on energy packages moving through the state legislature that would either repeal or sidestep key provisions of the Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act of 2008.

"Having those policies in place helps us," Erhardt said. "if it repeals, we won't repeal. But at the same time, it keeps things moving forward."

Nobody else on the panel touched the legislative question.

Jackson said he kept his comments brief "so we can give enough time for Q&A at the end, because that's where we're starting up dialogue and we can really communicate what's important to the state."

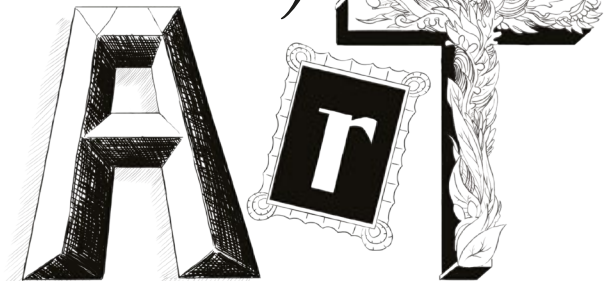
Following in the footsteps of Snyder spokesman Ari Adler at the Flint water forum in March, Jackson left the room before the Q&A started.

—Lawrence Cosentino



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## Renewable energy Who is stepping up and stepping out?

The Michigan Climate Action Network recently called for the state to work toward a 100 percent renewable energy system by 2050. This aligns with the aim of the climate science if we want to stave off total climate disruption by the end of the century. San Diego is aiming to meet that by 2035, San Jose by 2022, and San Francisco by 2020. Aspen, Colo., Burlington, Vt., Ithaca, N.Y., and Greensburg, Kan. have already done it. Our own Grand Rapids has a goal of 100 percent by 2020.

Meanwhile, back at the state Capitol, our utility big boys have been spending millions to steer us away from renewable energy. They now are poised to put a stake through the heart of the state's already met mini-Renewable Energy Standard that they lobbied hard against in 2012. The pending bill, SB 438, removes any legal requirement to meet any standard, leaving it to the capricious market (which they largely control) to determine what should be accomplished. Who cares about the climate or the lost opportunity we are throwing under the bus? How interesting that the city in this state doing the best economically is doing the most with renewable energy. According to a report earlier this year from the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, our friends at DTE and Consumers spent millions in 2015 coddling the Legislature to redirect policy in their antiquated direction, \$361,242 by DTE and \$311,117 by Consumers Energy. In addition, DTE made \$307,170 in political contributions and CMS Energy, the parent company of Consumers Energy, \$240,400. And of course, this all pales in light of the dark



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money behind the \$2.5 million spent by Citizens for Michigan's Energy Future, which isn't required to disclose donors but is suspected to be funded by energy utilities, on broadcast TV ads that aired in 2015. The likely biggest benefactors of this largess? According to the Campaign Finance Network: "Gov. Rick Snyder, whose nonprofit and administrative account received \$50,000 from Consumers; House Energy Chair Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton), who received \$25,900; and House Speaker Kevin Cotter (R-Mt. Pleasant), who received \$21,000. But, overall, the House Republican Campaign Committee received the most from the groups at \$58,250" (MCFN).

Lest we forget, that meager 10 percent Renewable Energy Standard that we set back in 2012, met this year, was fought tooth and claw by these same energy behemoths, who spent \$24 million to defeat it.

I am not optimistic that, given this cast of characters, we will see anything like a reasonable energy policy coming from this legislature or governor, who seem to see everything through some narrowly constricted short-term financial bottom line. So why should we wait? Let's celebrate and support those enterprises, whether they be companies, nonprofits, municipalities or colleges, that are aggressively investing in a renewable energy future while simultaneously reducing their overall energy footprint. What local enterprises are doing major upgrades to energy conservation and efficiency? Which are putting solar to use? How many are being transparent in the process? We see that those enterprises that openly pursue a triple-bottom-line balance sheet — what Austrian economist Christian Felber calls a Common Good Balance Sheet — are successful. The growing movement of funds into socially responsible business funds and those funds' performance, coupled with the commitment of more and more global investors to adhere to the Principles of Responsible Investing, denotes more than a passing trend.

What is being conceived should be powered entirely by renewable energy or else not be built. As I see new buildings going up, I wonder if we can expect that they will have rooftop solar?

Based on my own household's investment in solar power, the DTE/Consumers 2012 futile expenditure to fight renewable energy could have powered an additional 1,600 homes for 20+ years. Let's hear who the renewable energy leaders in this community are. Maybe City Pulse can feature them weekly as they do the Eye Candy of the Week. Meanwhile, contact your legislator and governor and let them know we need a real Renewable Energy Standard for our times — 100 percent by 2050. Let's get starting now.

(Terry Link, the founding director of the Office of Sustainability at MSU, is a consultant.)

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## THE RESULTS ARE (ALMOST) IN

City Pulse celebrates Top of the Town winners at River Rock Concert

By KAYLEIGH GARRISON

After battling it out with hundreds of contenders and two rounds of voting, a select group of Greater Lansing warriors will soon be named as winners in the 2016 City Pulse/Fox 47 News Top of the Town Awards. Over 16,000 participants cast votes in this year's contest, and the winners will be announced in the June 1 issue of City Pulse. Eastside Fish Fry, which placed third for best fish fry in last year's contest, is one of the businesses gunning for a first place finish this year.

"I think any recognition in the city is good. The fact that some people think we're the best fish fry is something to be proud of," said Patrick Duke, general manager of Eastside Fish Fry.

City Pulse will celebrate the winners of the contest June 11 at the first-ever City Pulse River Rock Concert. The Top of the Town Party will feature food and beverage options

from Eastside Fish Fry, Cravings Popcorn, El Azteco, Jersey Giant, Lou and Harry's, Sweetie-licious Bakery Café, Zaytoon and Strange Matter Coffee Co. A beer tent is also available for party attendees.

Being a contender in Top of the Town means more than just bragging rights. It's also a great opportunity to promote local businesses. Sam Rashed is owner/operator of west Lansing's Zaytoon Mediterranean restaurant, which placed second for best Mediterranean restaurant in last year's contest. He sees Top of the Town voting as a show of support from the community.

"I'm already very proud about how far we've come since we opened two and a half years ago," he said. "It makes me feel very proud knowing I have a good, quality product."

The two-day River Rock Concert is a fundraiser for the Michigan Institute for



Photo by Nicole Rico

City Pulse Publisher/Editor Berl Schwartz recognizes a group of 2015 Top of the Town winners at last year's Top of the Town Party.

Contemporary Art, better known as MICA, which runs the MICA Gallery in Old Town and hosts Old Town JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest. The weekend includes a diverse slate of music, food and community events.

The soundtrack for June 11's festivities is provided by James Gardin, Stefanie Haapala, City Mouse and Elliot Street Lunatic. The festival kicks off June 10 with a performance by the Verve Pipe, who will present a 20th anniversary performance of its multi-platinum "Villains" album in its entirety. Singer/songwriter Wally Pleasant is also on the bill, performing his 1992 debut album, "Songs About Stuff," cover to cover. Local '80s cover band Triple Lindy will open the show.

### City Pulse River Rock Concert June 10-11

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

With Wally Pleasant  
and Triple Lindy  
Friday, June 10  
\$25/\$15 adv./\$20 adv.  
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#### Top of the Town Party

With Elliot Street  
Lunatic, City Mouse,  
Stefanie Haapala and  
James Gardin  
Saturday, June 11  
\$15/\$5 adv.

Two-night combo:  
\$28/\$18 adv./\$23 adv.  
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## All for one

MSU Children's Choirs release album,  
prepare for European tour

By TY FORQUER

When Kyle Zeuch stepped in as director of the MSU Children's Choirs in 2013, he knew he had big shoes to fill. He is just the third director of the group, which won two Grammy awards in 2006 while under the direction of founding director Mary Alice Stollak. The choirs sang on the Grammy-winning recording of Ann Arbor composer

### CD release/ Europe send-off concert

MSU Children's  
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7 p.m. Wednesday,  
June 1  
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MSU Community  
Music School  
4930 S. Hagadorn  
Road, East Lansing  
(517) 355-7661,  
cms.msu.edu

work day in and day out."

And that hard work is paying off. The choirs recently released an album and are preparing for a European tour.

"The MSU Children's Choirs have never



Courtesy Photo

The MSU Children's Choirs recently released a new album, "We Are One," and are preparing for a European tour.

done an international tour," Zeuch said. "This was a great chance to do something we've never done before."

The MSU Children's Choirs is actually five choirs, with singers ranging in age from 7 to 18. Between the five groups, the program has a roster of over 200 singers. Zeuch said that people are often surprised by the sophistication of the groups' repertoire. He can challenge the groups, in part, because they don't have some of the mental hang-ups of adult musicians.

"Young people don't know what's supposed to be hard. They don't have this preconceived notion of, 'Oh, I can't do that,'" Zeuch said. "They just sing because they love to sing."

That repertoire is on display on the groups' new album, "We Are One," which was released last month. Pieces on the CD range from a Bach cantata to a traditional South African song to the title track, "Sisi Ni Moja: We Are One," which was commissioned for the combined choirs from composer Jacob Narverud. Physical copies of

the CD are available at MSU's Community Music School, and Zeuch hopes to make it available on digital outlets soon.

"The kids are really excited that they'll be able to find themselves on iTunes," Zeuch said.

The choirs raised over \$9,000 to help cover recording costs, licensing fees and the cost of commissioning the new work. To raise the money, the groups performed private concerts and collected donations. They also organized creative fundraisers like a service where the singers would send videos of singing Valentine's Day greetings for a small fee.

"We're trying to get away from selling candles and cheese logs," Zeuch said.

The CD was recorded over the course of two days in MSU's Fairchild Theatre and was recorded and engineered by MSU recording engineer Jen Shangraw. The condensed recording schedule was chosen to keep the project from dragging on too long.

"They were pushed, but they still had an enjoyable experience," Zeuch said. "I didn't want them to hate the process."

The recording sessions gave the singers an inside look at how the music they listen to on CDs — well, more likely their smartphones or iPods — is made.

"It took a lot of work, but it was worth it," said Carter Findlay, 12, a choir member who sang on the CD. "It was really cool."

The groups will celebrate the album release Wednesday with a free performance at the MSU Community Music School. The concert doubles as a send-off for the group's European tour, which will take 25 singers on a week-long concert tour with stops in Munich, Salzburg and Austria.

"The kids are very excited to visit Salzburg, which is where 'The Sound of Music' was filmed," Zeuch said. "It's also Mozart's hometown, so we'll explore that too."

The groups will have to make a few changes to their repertoire for the tour. Many of the concert venues are cathedrals and chapels. Some don't have a piano, and others prohibit non-sacred music.

Findlay, who will also be on the tour, visited Europe when he was 4, but doesn't remember much of the trip.

"I've been there before, but there are going to be some cool things I haven't seen," he said.

And while a trip to Europe is a great opportunity, Findlay finds enjoyment in the simpler parts of the choir experience.

"I really like singing with my choir friends," he said. "We have some really cool songs. I just love to sing."





Courtesy Photo

Local artist Tom Cocozzoli specializes in “artography,” digitally-altered photography, like “Guitars,” shown here.

## Meet the artist

**Tom Cocozzoli’s ‘Capitolfest’ kicks off City Pulse’s Summer of Art**  
By CALLIE OPPER

*City Pulse and the Arts Council of Greater Lansing have teamed up for the Summer of Art, which puts original art by area artists on the cover of City Pulse each week for 15 weeks, beginning with this issue. Today’s cover features “Capitolfest,” created by Tom Cocozzoli from a photo taken by his wife, Carol Ann Cocozzoli.*



COCOZZOLI

For 61-year-old Tom Cocozzoli, his work as a book cataloger at Michigan State University is not his primary passion. In recent years, his digital “artography” — digitally-altered photography — has become an essential part of his life. This pursuit started when he wondered what he would do once he retired.

Cocozzoli started to fill his free time by learning to play guitar, writing some songs and drawing cartoons.

“I’ve always been the creative type but mostly in the field of music,” Cocozzoli said. “When I hit a dry spell in music, I discovered that music wasn’t the only endeavor that could satisfy my creative drive.”

While touching up some digital photos, Cocozzoli began to explore some of the more abstract effects offered by photo-editing software.

“I accidentally stumbled on the concept of digital artography,” Cocozzoli said. “I just started taking other photos and manipulating them for fun.”

### City Pulse’s Summer of Art

To submit your work for the Summer of Art, please go to [lansingarts.org](http://lansingarts.org). Please read the rules carefully. Pay particular attention to these:

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“I don’t take myself too seriously,” said Cocozzoli, “I’m having a blast doing it, and I hope others will find it fun and whimsical.”

While Cocozzoli has no plans to quit his day job yet, he has had some success selling his photographs.

“A year ago, I had no concept of digital artography, but there’s been some nice recognition and financial uptick,” he said.

As for others thinking about dabbling in art, Cocozzoli’s advice to them is simple: “Try it. You might like it.”

He was pleased with some early results and decided to print and frame some of the photos. He even landed an exhibit of his work at the East Lansing Public Art Gallery in the Hannah Community Center earlier this year.

Cocozzoli enjoys taking photos and turning them into something “almost unrecognizable.”

“I’ve always seen the world with a slightly different pair of eyes than most people,” Cocozzoli said.

The focus of his art is not a political statement or promoting any cause. Cocozzoli warns against looking for deeper meanings in his images.

## Caribbean dreamin’

**Don Middlebrook brings tropical vibes to mid-Michigan**

By TY FORQUER

It may seem like trop rock, the genre of Caribbean-flavored music popularized by artists like Jimmy Buffett, is best suited for cruise ships and beach resorts. But Michigan native Don Middlebrook thinks it has a place in Michigan, too.

“People ask me how I can live in Michigan and think tropical, but people in the north need it more than anyone,” Middlebrook said. “It’s an escapism that

everyone could use a little of.”

### Don Middlebrook

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Lansing  
(517) 351-7366  
See web for other summer dates:  
[donmiddlebrook.net](http://donmiddlebrook.net)

Middlebrook splits his time between homes in Haslett, Saugatuck and Florida. The guitarist and songwriter has been part of the Greater Lansing music scene for over 20 years.

He and his band, the Pearl Divers are gearing up for a busy run of summer gigs, with stops all over the Midwest. He’s lined up several mid-Michigan performances, including a run of Wednesday evening gigs at Reno’s East. He’ll even make his way to Pittsburgh in August for a pre-concert party before Buffett himself performs in the city.

Middlebrook is also preparing to release a new album, “Guitar Island,” in

July or August. The album features steel guitarist Doyle Grisham, a longtime member of Buffett’s Coral Reefer Band.

“It’ll be a busy summer,” Middlebrook said.

Middlebrook is a founding member of the Trop Rock Music Association, which promotes trop rock throughout the U.S. The group started in 2005 as a social club for a handful of tropical-minded musicians. Over the next decade, it grew into an 8,000-member organization with members in 48 states, Canada, England, Mexico, St. Thomas, Cayman Islands and Costa Rica.

“I was surprised how big it got,” Middlebrook said. “Now it’s a national organization. It’s like watching a genre come alive.”

The group even has its own awards ceremony, which takes place at an annual convention in Key West, Fla. Last year, Middlebrook snagged the Songwriter of the Year award, and his latest album, “Songs from Talespin Bay,” earned an Album of the Year award. He was also given the I Can award, which recognizes charitable work in the trop rock community.

Charitable work is a core part of the trop rock ethos. Communities of trop rock enthusiasts — who often call themselves “parrot heads,” a term coined by Buffett — have sprung up around the nation, and many of them encourage volunteerism and charitable giving. The Mid-Michigan Parrot Head Club, also known as the Rum Chums, has raised over \$80,000 for local charities since its inception in 2003.

“We like to party with a purpose,” Middlebrook said. “We have heroes peppered all over the country.”



Courtesy Photo

Michigan native Don Middlebrook, seen here performing in Key West, Fla., specializes in the Caribbean-flavored style of rock popularized by artists like Jimmy Buffett.





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# CURTAIN CALL

## Going public

**Ixion Theatre highlights local writers in 'Secrets'**

By **TOM HELMA**

Good playwriting always starts with the story.

"Secrets," this year's installment of Ixion Theater's annual bouquet of locally-written one-act plays, had an off-stage prelude. The group requested submissions from local writers, which it whittled down from 115 submitted scripts down to 30 nominees and then finally to the six plays being staged at Robin Theatre. Whew!

Credit for putting together this prelude goes to Ixion founder Jeff Croff and a talented trio of readers: Oralya Garza, Paige Tufford and SaDonna Croff. Tufford also took on the task of directing these six plays. Bravo to all.

The common thread for all of the

### "Secrets"

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8 p.m. Saturday, May 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, May 29  
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plays is the idea of secrets. The result is a kaleidoscope of intimacies, as many threads weave through the common theme. But each play stands on its own, each holding a differ-

ent light to the darker areas of relationships. Somehow, together, they form a coherent whole as well. The evening is an affirmation of joyous humanity.

Opening the evening is David MacGregor's "Small Talk." A shy young woman (Anna Raymo) is brought in to see a psychotherapist (Angharad McGauhey) by her career-jumping boyfriend (Jesse Frawley). The boyfriend feels she is holding back his career, because she cannot engage in — what else? — small talk. The conceit is turned on end when she discovers how easy it is to connect emotionally with someone else (Daniel Bonner) and that maybe her

shallow superficial boyfriend is the real problem.

This is followed by "Honestly," written by Stephen Korbar. A couple (Ben Guenther and Kathryn Willis) is sitting on a park bench, on the verge of a break-up. The catch here is that ending the relationship allows them to share all the lies they had told each other since the dawn of the relationship. Voila! Can this relationship now be saved?

We move from here to "Reunion," also by MacGregor. A clueless married man (Frawley) has an opportunity to hook up with a more-than-willing former classmate (McGauhey).

Next up is Ron Frankel's "Blind Date." A woman (Willis) comes to a restaurant for an Internet-arranged date with a man (Frawley) who is wearing conspicuous sunglasses. She doesn't realize that he is blind, and when he reveals this to her, she throws a fit over his "deception." He rakes her over the coals for insensitivity to his condition. After she trounces off, there's a twist for the audience.

"Riding lessons," by Brett Hursey, begins with a guy (Guenther) and his imaginary clown (Bonner), and it ends with a woman (McGauhey) riding off on an imaginary unicorn.

The evening ends with "Pumps," also by Hursey. This comedy looks at how we attach power to inanimate objects — in this case, high-heeled shoes — allowing them to transform us.

Each play builds on the one preceding it, until we realize that all these secrets have one thing in common: the sad existential loneliness that underlies all searches for relationships.

The ensemble cast of six actors, in multiple roles, deftly portray the poignant characters in these vignettes. All six of the actors perform competently and handle the diverse roles exceedingly well.

The real strength of the evening, however, is the freshness of the material itself. We sometimes give short shrift to original works, but these works display the dazzling talent of writers among us.

## AJAHN SUCITTO VISITS MICHIGAN

A distinguished Theravada Buddhist Monk in the Thai forest tradition will lead a day of meditation on

**Saturday, June 4th at Amitabha Village Retreat Center**  
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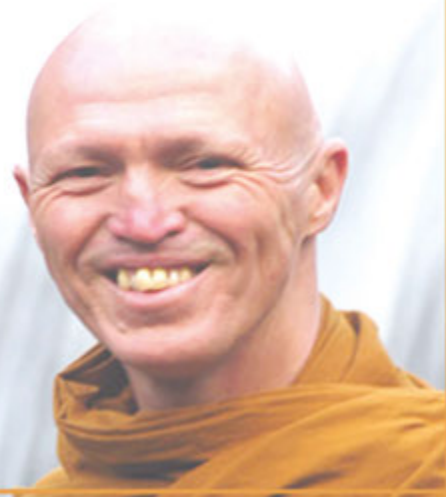
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**About Ajahn Sucitto.** Ajahn was ordained in 1976 and trained in the forests of Thailand. Later he was a founding member of Cittaviveka (Chithurst Buddhist Monastery), the first Ajahn Chah monastery in the west. He was abbot for over two decades. His short biography can be found on Wikipedia at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajahn\\_Sucitto](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajahn_Sucitto).

**Author of dharma books and leader of many hundreds of retreats, Ajahn has devoted his life to spreading dharma for the well being all.**

**About attending the teaching on June 4th:**

The day with Ajahn (9:30 am - 5 pm) is sponsored by the Lansing Buddhist Association. There is no fee to attend, and any donation is welcome. Participants will offer a noon meal to Ajahn, and then share lunch with each other. Registration is required as places are limited. Please email your contact information to [lansingbuddhist@gmail.com](mailto:lansingbuddhist@gmail.com) to register. Details about the location, schedule will be sent upon receipt of your email. To learn more about the Lansing Buddhist Association, visit their website at [lansingbuddhist.org](http://lansingbuddhist.org).



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# 'I steal from everyone'

**Fantasy author Terry Brooks finds inspiration in diverse literature**  
By **BILL CASTANIER**

Author Terry Brooks has written the great American novel — more than 35 variations of it, actually — in his groundbreaking career as a fantasy writer.

## Terry Brooks Author talk and book signing

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fantasy novels, "where secrets destroy a family, and having a moral template destroys you."

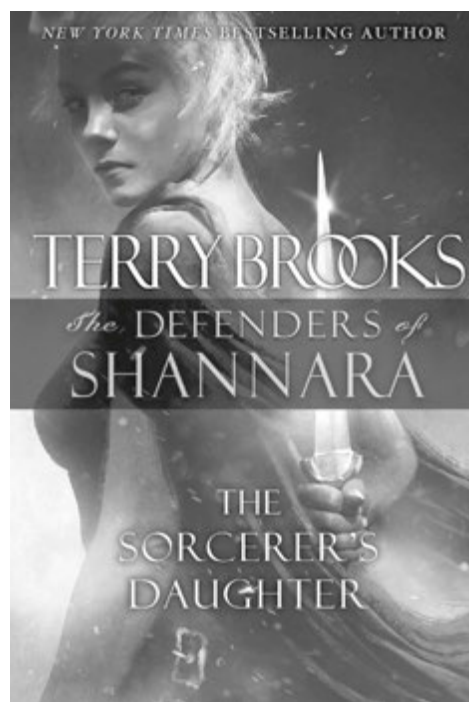
His most recent fantasy novel, "The Sorcerer's Daughter," includes this twist, as well as kidnapping, epic chases, nasty magic, grueling battle scenes, glorious and terrifying monsters and a tender love story. The book, which hit bookstores just last week, also borrows generously from Sherlock Holmes, Indian myths, the Grimm brothers, James Bond and even Shakespeare.

"Fantasy stories go a long way back, and they are all variations of one another," Brooks said. "It's all in how your voice tells those stories and uses plot lines and characters."

Brooks, 72, also cites two life experiences that have influenced his writing: his childhood and his short-lived law career.

"I steal from everyone," he told City Pulse by phone from his home in Seattle.

That group includes William Faulkner, whose work Brooks studied intensely in college. He even wrote his senior thesis on the celebrated author. Brooks likes to work in a "Faulknerian twist" into his



Courtesy Photo

Recently released novel "The Sorcerer's Daughter," by fantasy author Terry Brooks, is the final book in his "Defenders of Shannara" trilogy.

"As a child I was always living in my head, thinking stories up," he said. "I would make my friends play the stories out."

His favorite location for such role-playing was along the Rock River in Sterling, Ill., where he grew up. He returned to the area after college to practice law.

"It was a really honorable job, but by the end, I was pretty well disenchanted,"

he said.

But the experience provided some valuable lessons in discipline and organization skills. It also allowed him to practice his story telling.

"You can use words any way you want," Brooks said. "Whoever tells the best story when you go to court wins."

Although Brooks was successfully balancing writing and law careers, he felt stagnated. So he uprooted himself and moved out to the Pacific Northwest.

"It saved my career," he said. "I began travelling and experiencing and getting exposure to different places and ideas."

He points to his novels, which now draw influences from places like Hawaii and Europe.

"Corn fields were not provocative," he said.

When Brooks was growing up in Illinois, there was very little fantasy literature available. He recalls reading "Tarzan" books and John Carter pulp stories when he was young. He points to the U.S. re-publication of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy in the 1960s as fantasy's rebirth, and he credits the recent "Harry Potter" phenomena as moving the genre into the mainstream.

"Harry Potter made the world safe for fantasy," he said.

Movies and television have also contributed to the genre's recent resurgence and success. MTV television show "The Shannara Chronicles," which is based on Brooks' fantasy novels, was just renewed for a second season.

"The TV show is free advertising," Brooks said. "I'm a book guy, and it sells

books."

The success of the fantasy genre, Brooks said, has allowed a variety of different voices to emerge.

"I'm not a 'Game of Thrones' guy, where nothing gets better — ever," Brooks said. "My books, although dark, have a sense of optimism to them. I'm also a romantic."

Brooks enjoys using nature imagery, especially water and trees. He attributes that to growing up near a river and living on one now. In "The Sorcerer's Daughter" trees become phantasmagorical demons whose roots strangle their victims. The trees kill some of the heroes and heroines, but they also save others from a beast who wants to kill them.

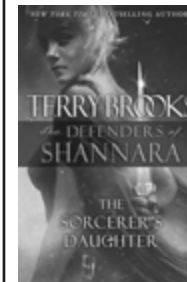
Brooks likes to have his characters delve into philosophical issues, like what constitutes evil.

"The demons are just like us," he said. "In fact, they are us."

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It looks like summer is finally here in Michigan. (I'm crossing my fingers and knocking on wood even as I type this.) Now that we can go outside without fear of windchill or hail storms, it's time to start making summer plans. City Pulse has put together some of the best local (and not-so-local) summer events to keep you entertained all summer long.

## Local festivals:

Greater Lansing features a variety of summer festivals and activities. From car shows to concerts to cultural events, there's an excuse to get outside almost every weekend this summer. Here is a list of some of the region's biggest summer events:

### JUNE 4 >> BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN

It only takes a dollar to get in on Lansing's Be A Tourist In Your Own Town. Enjoy unique tours, fun activities and one-day discounts at a variety of destinations. This year's event includes 53 businesses throughout Lansing and East Lansing. Pick up a passport for \$1 anytime throughout the month of May. Collect stamps on your passport at each location you visit to enter a prize drawing. Call or see the web for participating locations and passport selling locations. (888) 252-6746, [lansing.org/events/be-a-tourist](http://lansing.org/events/be-a-tourist).

### JUNE 4-5 >> RIVERBANK TRADITIONAL POW WOW

The 14th annual Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow comes to Adado Riverfront Park June 4 and 5. This event features a variety of activities involving Native American culture, including crafts, performances and food. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 721-1502, [facebook.com/events/1692777584297555](http://facebook.com/events/1692777584297555)

### JUNE 10-11 >> CITY PULSE RIVER ROCK CONCERT

Two-day outdoor rock festival featuring the Verve Pipe, Wally Pleasant and more. June 11 also includes City

Pulse's Top of the Town Party. (For more information on the Top of the Town Party, see p. 9; for more information on the musical acts, see Turn it down, p. 20.) Advance tickets available online, concert tickets are \$10 more at the door. See the web for a full schedule and ticket prices. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. [riverrockconcert.com](http://riverrockconcert.com).

### JUNE 17-18 >> SUMMER SOLSTICE JAZZ FESTIVAL

East Lansing's Summer Solstice Jazz Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary with a diverse slate of local and international jazz artists. Highlights include soulful pianist Marcus Roberts, the cream-of-the-crop Chicago Jazz Orchestra, a summit of four young vocalists and a tripled roster of top avant-garde/free-jazz groups. FREE. Downtown East Lansing. (517) 319-6980, [eljazzfest.com](http://eljazzfest.com).

### JUNE 25 >> LANSING BEER FEST

The fourth annual Lansing Beer Fest returns to REO Town June 25. The outdoor festival features over 25 Michigan breweries pouring over 100 craft beers. The event also includes local food trucks, vendors and live music from Mark Warner, Dusty Strings and the Jonestown Crows. VIP tickets, which include early entry and extra tasting tickets, are available online or at the REO Town Pub. \$35/\$30 adv./\$40 VIP. REO Town, Lansing. [lansingbeerfest.com](http://lansingbeerfest.com)

### JULY 5-10 >> COMMON GROUND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Lansing's biggest summer music festival returns July 5 through 10 with a packed slate of local and international talent. This year's lineup includes country stars Tim McGraw and Dierks Bentley, rapper A\$AP Rocky, singer Jason Derulo and rock bands Rise Against, AWOLNATION and Milky Chance. See web for full schedule and ticket prices. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 267-1502 [commongroundfest.com](http://commongroundfest.com)

### JULY 15-16 >> OLD TOWN SCRAPFEST

Old Town ScrapFest celebrates creativity and resource reuse. Artists or teams of artists are given one hour to collect up to 500 pounds of scrap metal, which they must use to create an sculpture. The results are unveiled at ScrapFest, with \$3,500 in cash prizes available for jury-selected winners. The two-day festival also features live music, a beer tent and a variety of artists booths. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 485-4283, [oldtownscrapfest.org](http://oldtownscrapfest.org).

### JULY 30 >> CAR CAPITAL AUTO & BIKE SHOW

Car and motorcycle lovers from Michigan and beyond come together in downtown Lansing this summer for the 24th annual Car Capital Auto & Bike Show. The event features over 70 classes of cars and motorcycles, and 150 awards will be handed out to winning vehicles. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE for general admission/\$15-25 for vehicle registration before July 22/\$20-30 for vehicle registration after July 22. 100 N. Capitol Ave.,



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Thousands of Greater Lansing residents made their way to Adado Riverfront Park to catch Snoop Dogg at last year's Common Ground Music Festival.

Lansing. (517) 372-0529, [carcapitalautoshow.org](http://carcapitalautoshow.org).

### JULY 30 >> TASTE OF DOWNTOWN

See what downtown Lansing's food scene has to offer at the seventh annual Taste of Downtown. Over 100 different wines are available, and Lansing Brewing Co. provides tasty brews for those who prefer beer over wine. American Fifth Spirits will also be on hand, serving up cocktails made with its locally-sourced liquors. Live music is provided by Taylor Taylor, Avon Bomb, Phil Denny and Air Margaritaville. Check the website for an up-to-date list of participating restaurants, cafes and pubs. Attendees must be 21 or older. \$25. 100 block of South Washington Square, Lansing. [tasteofdowntown.org](http://tasteofdowntown.org).

### AUG. 5-6 >> LANSING JAZZFEST

The 22nd annual JazzFest takes over Turner Street in Old Town August 5 and 6, serving up a healthy portion of local and national jazz talent. This year's lineup has not yet been announced; keep an eye on the webpage for the latest information. FREE. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 371-4600, [jazzlansing.com](http://jazzlansing.com).

### AUG. 12-14 >> GREAT LAKES FOLK FESTIVAL

The Michigan State University Museum's celebration of folk music, dance and culture takes over the streets of downtown East Lansing August 12 through 14. The Great Lakes Folk Festival features a variety of artists and genres ranging from Western swing and gospel to reggae and salsa. The weekend-long event also features hands-on workshops a craft marketplace and local food vendors. FREE. Downtown East Lansing. (517) 432-3357, [greatlakesfolkfest.net](http://greatlakesfolkfest.net).

### AUG. 20 >> ART FEAST

Food and art collide this August at Old Town's ART Feast. The outdoor festival hosts both an art fair and

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food truck rally, allowing spectators to fill their bellies while feasting their eyes on over 30 art-filled vendor booths lining the streets of Old Town. Local businesses will also get in on the festivities, offering sidewalk sales and other treats. The Saturday event begins with the art fair from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; the food truck rally runs 11 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 485-4283, [loveoldtown.org/art-feast](http://loveoldtown.org/art-feast).

## SEPT. 16-17 >> MICHIGAN BLUESFEST

If the end of summer has you singing the blues, you can commiserate with the artists at the 23rd annual Michigan BluesFest. The two-day event features a variety of regional blues artists. Aside from the music, the festival features children's activities, vendors and a variety of food offerings. The 2016 lineup has not been released, keep an eye on the website for the latest info. FREE. Old Town, Lansing. (517) 371-4600, [oldtownbluesfest.com](http://oldtownbluesfest.com).

## Destination festivals:

With close to 20 Michigan music festivals, many just a short drive from Lansing, it's easy to find something that meets your taste and genre preference. These destination music festivals are packed with some of the biggest names in country, folk, electronic, jazz and pop music.

## MAY 28-30 >> MOVEMENT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Jam out to cutting-edge electronic music at this year's Movement Electronic Music Festival, which kicks off Saturday. The dance-centric event features over 124

artists, including the Tale of Us, Matthew Dear and Loren. Movement takes place in the heart of Detroit at Hart Plaza. Ticket prices range from \$175 to \$300 for the whole weekend; individual day tickets cost \$85. Hart Plaza, 1 Nelson Mandela Drive, Detroit. [movement.us](http://movement.us)

## JUNE 10-11 >> KELOORAH

Live music is the focal point at Keloora, a post-Nascar event at the Michigan International Speedway. On June 10, Joe Hertler & the Rainbow Seekers, the Neighbourhood and Third Eye Blind are on deck. Saturday's line up features big-name artists Elle King, Andy Grammer, Fitz and the Tantrums and Grouplove. Ticket prices range from \$60 to \$375. Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, MI. (517) 592-6666 [mispoway.com/keloorah](http://mispoway.com/keloorah).

## JUNE 16-18 >> ISLAND FESTIVAL

Kalamazoo's Island Festival takes attendees on a tropical getaway through food, music and good vibes. After a one-year hiatus, the Island Festival once again fills the streets of Kalamazoo with reggae music. This year's lineup features over fifteen reggae artists and food from eight local restaurants. Daytime events are FREE; evening concert tickets start at \$5. See web for complete schedule and ticket prices. Mayor's Riverfront Park, 251 Mills St. Kalamazoo. [islandfestkzoo.com](http://islandfestkzoo.com).

## JUNE 18 >> FOUNDERS FEST 2016

Founders, Grand Rapids' flagship brewery, hosts its ninth annual street festival, Founders Fest 2016. The event features eight different bands including local Michigan indie rock group the Go Rounds. Attendees must be 21 or older. 3 p.m. \$20-\$35. Founders Brewing

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### JUNE 23-26 >> ELECTRIC FOREST

Hammocks litter the trees and campers stake out shady spots for Electric Forest, the electronic pop music fest that once again invades the woods of Rothbury. The festival features well over 100 acts, ranging from jam bands to bluegrass outfits to electronic artists. Tickets are sold out, so check secondary markets if you're looking to attend this year's Electric Forest. 7100 South Water Road, Rothbury. electricforestfestival.com.

### JULY 15-17 >> FASTER HORSES

The lineup of the Faster Horses Music Festival, coming in July in Brooklyn, MI, features some of country music's top artists. Over 40 groups perform, including big-name artists Alan Jackson, Big & Rich, Lady Antebellum, Jason Aldean, Jana Kramer, Sam Hunt and Eric Church. The weekend also offers over fifteen different camping sites to choose from. General admission for all three days ranges from \$199 to \$499. Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, MI. fasterhorsesfestival.com

### JULY 23-24 >> MO POP

24 bands take the stage at Detroit's West Riverfront Parks for this year's Mo Pop festival. Popular artists like G-Eazy, the Head and the Heart, and BORNS are slated to perform. Tickets for the weekend range from \$109.50 to \$249. West Riverfront Park, 1801 W. Jefferson Detroit. mopopfestival.com

### AUG. 19-21 >> HOXEYVILLE

Sounds of bluegrass and indie folk music resonate over 85 acres of farmland, surrounded by the Manistee National Forest, at the Hoxeyville Music Festival. This year's lineup features over 33 artists. The outdoor festival is surrounded by a scenic river and includes several biking trails, campgrounds and paths to explore between musical acts. Presale general admission tickets are \$130. hoxeyville.com

### SEPT. 2-5 >> DETROIT JAZZ FEST

Enjoy classic jazz music on the streets of downtown Detroit at the 34th annual Detroit Jazz Fest. This year's line-up features some of the biggest names in jazz, including Ron Carter, John Scofield, Brad Mehldau and Roy Hargrove. FREE. Hart Plaza, 1 Nelson Mandela Drive, Detroit. (855) 529-9338, detroitjazzfest.com.

## Summer theater

While many local companies take it easy over the summer, MSU and LCC both have robust summer theater seasons. There's also Over the Ledge Theatre Co., the summer-only theater group that performs in Grand Ledge's historic Ledges Playhouse, as well as the Renegade Theatre Festival in Old Town and the Michigan Shakespeare Festival in Jackson.

**MSU Department of Theatre** presents its 56th season in the recently completed Summer Circle Courtyard. Keeping with tradition, the last two weeks of the season pair an earlier children's show with a late night show for mature audiences. All shows are FREE. The Summer Circle Courtyard is located on Auditorium Road between the Auditorium Building and the Kresge Art Center. For more information, call (517) 355-6690 or visit theatre.msu.edu/sct.

### JUNE 8-11 >> 'A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING'

Summer Circle Theatre celebrates a legendary musical theater duo in "A Grand Night for Singing." Originally produced in 1993, the musical revue compiles some of the most successful works of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, drawing from "Carousel," "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma!" and many more. In MSU's Summer Circle Theatre's version, Brad Willcuts directs the revue, and all ages are invited to enjoy the show. 8 p.m.

### JUNE 15-18 >> 'THE GROUNDLING'

When New York Landscaper Bob Malone stumbles onto an outdoor production of "Love's Labour's Lost," he immediately gets sucked into Shakespeare's prose. The show has such an impact on him that Malone sets out to write a new Shakespeare play, which he stages in his garage. Ages 12 and up are invited to enjoy the show. 8 p.m.

### JUNE 22-25 >> 'FALLEN ANGELS'

The MSU Summer Circle Theatre presents "Fallen Angels," one of Noël Coward's best known plays. Ann Folino White directs this comedic tale about two friends, Jane and Julia. Both women have long been married and have all but forgotten about their mutual former lover, Maurice. But when the Frenchman comes back into their lives and requests to see both of them, trouble ensues. Ages 8 and up are invited to enjoy the show. 8 p.m.

### JUNE 10-11, 17-18 >> 'MOUNT OLYMPUS JUNIOR HIGH'

What were Apollo and Poseidon like as teenagers? "Mount Olympus Junior High" takes a humorous look at the adolescent lives of Greek gods and goddesses.

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This original musical is penned by MSU's Rob Roznowski and features a score by MSU alum Seth Burk. All ages are invited to this children's show. 6:30 p.m.

**JUNE 17-18, 24-25 >> 'MR. MARMALADE'**

Many kids have an imaginary friend, but not many of them have a cocaine addiction and a penchant for pornography. In this dark comedy, 4-year-old Lucy's imaginary friend, Mr Marmalade, wreaks havoc on her life. This play features profanity and adult situations and is recommended for adults only. 10 p.m.

**Lansing Community College's Theatre Program**

presents its annual Summer Under the Stars performing arts series. Most events take place in the outdoor amphitheatre located on LCC's campus between Dart Auditorium and the Gannon Building, with Dart Auditorium as the rain location. Attendees are invited to bring a blanket, lawn chairs and/or snacks. All performances are free and start at 7 p.m. For more information, call (517) 483-1488 or visit [lcc.edu/showinfo](http://lcc.edu/showinfo).

**JUNE 15-19 >> 'THE ILIAD, THE ODYSSEY, AND ALL OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY IN 99 MINUTES OR LESS'**

With the clock ticking in front of everyone's eyes, the cast speeds through the classics of Greek mythology. From silly decisions to absurd destinies, the legendary characters are presented with lightning speed as the cast races to get to the end of the story before the timer hits zero.

**JUNE 29 >> LCC FACULTY JAZZ QUARTET AND LCC JAZZ BAND COMBO**

LCC's all-star jazz outfit is joined by students from the LCC music program for an evening of jazz music.

**JULY 20-24 >> 'HUCK FINN'**

Adapted from Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," this play follows Huck Finn as he flees the claws of "civilization" for the freedom of the mighty Mississippi, only to find himself running from mobs, getting shot at, stealing gold, digging escape tunnels and mastering disguises.

**JULY 26-29 >> DANCE LANSING — COMMUNITY DANCE PROJECT**

DANCE Lansing returns to LCC for its 11th year as the Community Dance Project presents a program of modern and contemporary dance. The collaborative group is founded by partners Happendance and LCC Performing Arts and now includes associates Everett High School Dance Program, Fusion Dance Center, Greater Lansing Academy of Dance, MICA Gallery, Michigan State University Department of Theatre, and MSU Orchestras. DANCE Lansing will take place inside Dart Auditorium, regardless of weather.

**Over the Ledge Theatre Co.**

is back this summer with two comedic plays, "The Explorers Club," June 9 through 19, and "Good Night Desdemona (Good Morning, Juliet)," June 7 through 17. Both shows take place at the historic Ledges Playhouse in Grand Ledge's Fitzgerald Park (137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge). More details, including ticket prices, will be announced soon. For more information, call (517) 318-0579 or check [overtheledge.org](http://overtheledge.org).

### Theater festivals:

**AUG. 18-20 >> RENEGADE THEATRE FESTIVAL**

The annual Renegade Theatre Festival returns to Old Town for its 11th year this summer. The free, multi-site festival gives local theater groups and independent producers, writers and directors the opportunity to present their work in art galleries, retail spaces and outdoor venues. Performances range from serious drama to children's musicals and puppet theater. FREE. [renegadetheatrefestival.org](http://renegadetheatrefestival.org).

**JULY 9-24 >> MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

The annual Michigan Shakespeare Festival returns to Jackson for its 21st year this summer. Founded in 1995 as a one-weekend event in Jackson's Ella Sharp Park, it has since grown to a five-week event, including a three-week run in Canton. This year, the festival presents three plays, Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," and Karen Tarjan's adaptation of Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Killer Angels." The festival's stint in Jackson runs July 9 through 24. Call or see web for times and ticket prices. Jackson College's Baughman's Theatre at the Potter Center, 2111 Emmons Road, Jackson. (517) 787-0800, [michiganshakespearefestival.com](http://michiganshakespearefestival.com)

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

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## Wednesday, May 25

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Legal Basics for Small Business.** Basic course on legal entities. Call or register online. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Charlotte City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. (517) 483-1921, [sbdcmichigan.org](http://sbdcmichigan.org).

**Senior Discovery @ ANC.** Speaker to be announced. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, [allenneighborhoodcenter.org](http://allenneighborhoodcenter.org).

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

### EVENTS

**Cruisin' for Kids Car Show.** Fundraiser car show. Kids vote for the best ride. 5:30-8:30 p.m. FREE to visit. Neff Kindergarten Building, 950 Jenne St., Grand Ledge. (517) 505-0406, [blessingsinabackpackgl.org](http://blessingsinabackpackgl.org).

**2016 Volunteers of America Stand Down for Homeless Veterans.** Provide services to the community's homeless veterans. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 489-5278.

**Pop-Up Stories: The Birds and the Bees.** Community members share romance stories. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing.

**Mid-MI Genealogical Society.** Topic: Little-Known Resources and Search Tips. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. [mmgs.wordpress.com](http://mmgs.wordpress.com).

**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, [elp.org](http://elp.org).

**Empowering Employment Possibilities**

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## An unexpected romance



Courtesy Photo

Karen Sheridan (left) and John Seibert rehearse a scene from "Chapatti," which opens Thursday at Williamston Theatre.

• • • • • May 26-June 26 • • • • •

"Chapatti," by Irish playwright Christian O'Reilly, is a story of love, loss, rekindling lost emotions — and pets.

The play is told from the perspective of two pet owners, Dan (John Seibert) and Betty (Karen Sheridan). Between the two of them, they collectively care for 20 animals, 19 cats on Betty's side and one dog, Chapatti, on Dan's. The lonely pair meet by chance, and an unexpected spark ignites between them.

"Sometimes people gravitate toward the animals they need. I'm the cat woman, and he is the dog guy," said Sheridan. "We meet by chance. It's really a lovely story about two people in a particular point in their life."

But don't expect to see any four-legged friends wandering the Williamston Theatre stage.

"We haven't hired any animals, and they're not supposed to be hired," Seibert said. "They're only referred to. There are times when they are dealt with on stage, but it's all in the audience's

imagination."

Ultimately, "Chapatti" is not a flashy production. It features just two actors and relies heavily on monologues from the pair.

"It's kind of an empty place," Seibert said of the play's set. "Very few props and two chairs."

Sheridan thinks the stripped-down presentation offers an intimacy to the performance.

"It allows the audience to feel like they're a part of it," Sheridan said. "And the audience is being asked to take it in in a different way. We are doing things (this way), because we are in a small black box theatre. You walk off the street and you're in the theatre."

This approach focuses the attention of the audience on the play's main message: the universal struggle for love and companionship, whether it be with animals or humans.

"(Chapatti) is really accessible, lots of humor, Sheridan said. "And you know, some dark aspects as well. But certainly, it's about people making their way through these

dark moments in their life."

Dan and Betty's relationships with their animals mirror their own personalities, quirks, and struggles. (The play, after all, is titled after Dan's dog.)

The similarities between people and animals are vital to the story.

"(Animals) create this space; they are important in peoples' lives," Seibert said. "That unconditional love that a pet can give you is dealt with, and the differences between cats and dogs is dealt with. And the comparisons are dealt with an interesting fashion too."

### "Chapatti"

Williamston Theatre  
 May 26-June 26  
 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday (no 3 p.m. show Sunday, May 28); 2 p.m. Sunday  
 Thursday, May 26: Pay what you can  
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 Opening night, June 3: \$35  
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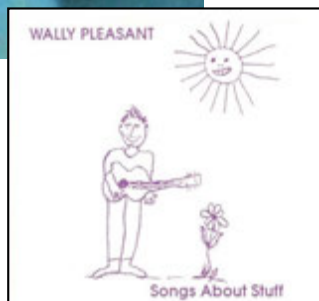
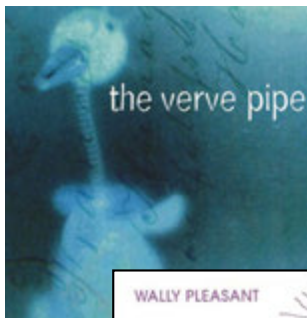
# Turn it down

## A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICHTUPICA

### VERVE PIPE, WALLY PLEASANT AT TWO-DAY RIVER ROCK CONCERT

Thursday, May 26 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$7, 8 p.m. To save \$10 on pre-sale tickets, visit: [riverrockconcert.com](http://riverrockconcert.com)



The first ever City Pulse River Rock Concert features a stacked lineup of legendary local acts. The two-day concert, sponsored by the Lansing Medical Cannabis Guild, happens at Adado Riverfront Park. The bands kick off June 10 with a special performance by the Verve Pipe, which formed in East Lansing in 1992. For the first time ever, the band performs its landmark, platinum-selling "Villains" LP in its entirety. The breakthrough alt-rock album, which produced radio hits like "The Freshman," "Photograph" and "Cup of Tea," turned 20 this year. Adding to the '90s nostalgia is an opening performance by anti-folk singer/songwriter Wally Pleasant, who also cut his teeth in the '90s East Lansing music scene. Following the album-centric theme, Pleasant performs his debut record, 1992's "Songs About Stuff," cover-to-cover. Triple Lindy, a local '80s cover band, also performs. Gates open at 5 p.m.

Then, on June 11, the River Rock Concert hosts a

roster of emerging local bands and solo acts. Singer/songwriter Stefanie Haapala, indie rockers Elliot Street Lunatic, hip-hop artist James Gardin and pop punk outfit City Mouse provide the evening's soundtrack. The evening also includes City Pulse's Top of the Town Party, which celebrates the winners of this year's contest. (See p. 9 for more on the Top of the Town Party.) The Grand American Fish Rodeo presents a variety of river-themed events earlier that day.

The River Rock Concert is a fundraiser for Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art, which runs the MICA Gallery in Old Town and hosts Old Town JazzFest and Michigan BluesFest.

**Lansing Medical Cannabis Guild presents the City Pulse River Rock Concert**

**Friday, June 10:**  
5 p.m. — Gates open  
6:30 p.m. — Triple Lindy  
8 p.m. — Wally Pleasant performs "Songs About Stuff"  
9:20 p.m. — The Verve Pipe performs "Villains"

**Saturday, June 11:**  
3:30 p.m. — Gates open  
4:30 p.m. — James Gardin  
6:30 p.m. — Stefanie Haapala  
8 p.m. — City Mouse  
9:30 p.m. — Elliot Street Lunatic

### FISHBONE AT MAC'S BAR



Thursday, June 2 @ Mac's Bar, 2600 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$23/\$20 adv., 7 p.m.

Known for its dynamic, fast-paced blend of punk, funk, ska and hard rock, Fishbone gained a cult following in the late 1980s thanks to a string of acclaimed records. The Los Angeles-based outfit, led by vocalist/saxophonist Angelo Moore, formed in 1979 and gigged across the city with contemporaries like Thelonicious Monster and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. By 1983, Fishbone signed with Columbia Records and recorded a single and an EP. In 1986, the group dropped its debut full-length, "In Your Face," and opened a national tour for the Beastie Boys. Since then, the band has continued to release records on various labels, most recently 2014's "Intrinsically Intertwined" EP. The band headlines June 2 at Mac's Bar; openers are Downtown Brown, Frank and Earnest and Matt Wixson's Flying Circus.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT [ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM](mailto:ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM)

## LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Hailey Wojcik, 8 p.m.	The Underground Chaos Tour, 8 p.m.	N.P. Presley, 8 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		Sarah Brunner, 8 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road			Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Mike Vial, 7 p.m.
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.			
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Live Music on the deck, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Dale Wicks, 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.		Scott Seth, 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.
Gallery Brewery, 143 Kent St.	Artzy Phartzy Night, 5 p.m.	Open Mic, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Rob Klajda & Co., 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.	Glamhammer, 9:30 p.m.	Miranda & the M-80s, 9:30 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.		Peter Melichar, 6 p.m.	Alistar, 6 p.m.	Mark Sala, 6 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.			Chris Laskos, 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.		Heed The Assailant, 6:30 p.m.		No Stars, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.			The Spring Boom, 7 p.m.	Mutual Benefit, 7 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Adventures of Fat Boy, Jive Turkey, 9 p.m.	Off the Edge, 9 p.m.	Electrocat, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Kathy Ford Band Lansing Live, 7 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Jerry Sprague Band, 7 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Ronny Hernandez, 7 p.m.	Bobby Standall, 7 p.m.	The Tenants, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Darrin Lerner, 6 p.m.	Jacob Ford, 6 p.m.	Ronny Hernandez Duo, 6 p.m.	Kathy Ford Band, 6 p.m.
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Scott DuBose, 8:30 p.m.	Scott DuBose, 8:30 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Good Cookies, 9 p.m.	Good Cookies, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 7 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Open Mic, 6 p.m.	Alex Mendenhall, 6 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	



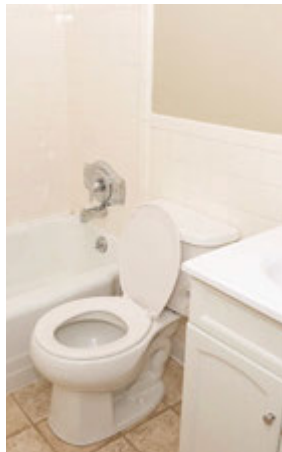
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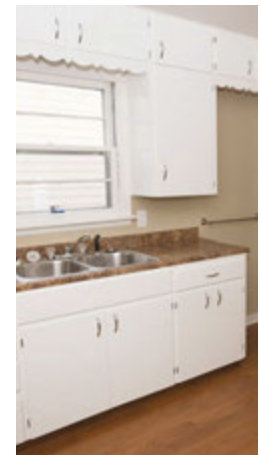
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**Group.** Workshop for resumes, cover letters, interviews and interpersonal skills. 6-8 p.m.

Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

**First Presbyterian Church Spring Salad Luncheon.** Donations benefit church's mission programs. 11 a.m.-1:20 p.m. \$8 suggested donation. First Presbyterian Church (Lansing), 510 W. Ottawa St., Lansing. 517-482-0668, lansingfirstpres.org.

### MUSIC

**Sit in with the Band.** With the Kathy Ford Band. 8-11:30 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

**Hailey Wojcik.** With Stef Chura, Scary Women and Sumarah. 8 p.m. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. avenuecafelansing.com.

### Thursday, May 26

#### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

**Celebrate Recovery.** For all hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing),

3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

**Clean Power Plan Update.** Explanation of federal requirements for power plants. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Michigan Energy Options, 405 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 290-8602, glrea.org.

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

### MUSIC

**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.

**Thursday Night Live! Courthouse Concert Series.** Mason Middle and High School Jazz Bands perform on courthouse lawn. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Courthouse, 341 S. Jefferson St., Mason. (517) 676-1046, masonchamber.org.

### EVENTS

**Ladies Silver Blades Figure Skating Club.** Lessons and practice. All skill levels welcome. 9:30-11:20 a.m. \$5/\$2 skate rental. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing.

**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.

**Red Shoe Brew.** Michigan craft beer tasting and a homebrew contest. 5-9 p.m. \$30. Ronald McDonald House, 121 S. Holmes St., Lansing. rmhmm.org/events/red-shoe-brew.

**Reiki Share for Reiki Practitioners.** Open to all practitioners who have completed Level II or higher. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Willow Stick

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**SCCMUA Open House**. For the Southern Clinton Co. Municipal Utilities Authority. 5-8 p.m. FREE. SCCMUA, 3671 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-8311, sccmua.com.

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

## ARTS

**Post Oak Elementary Student Artists Reception**. Drawings of robots, monoprints, sculptures and more made by students. 2:30-3:45 p.m. FREE. Post Oak Elementary, 2320 Post Oak

Lane, Lansing.

## THEATER

**Chapatti**. Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. Pay what you can. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

## Friday, May 27

### 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. \$15. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

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## THURSDAY, MAY 26 >> RED SHOE BREW

Stop by the Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan Thursday and have a beer or two. The first ever Red Shoe Brew features beers from Michigan breweries like EagleMonk Pub and Brewery, Lansing Brewing Co., and Dark Horse Brewing Co. Proceeds from the evening support the Ronald McDonald House, which provides a home-away-from-home for families of children who are hospitalized or receiving treatment in the Lansing area. This event is open to people 21 and up. Admission includes six tasting tickets and one food ticket, additional tickets may be purchased for \$2 each at the event. 5-9 p.m. \$30. Ronald McDonald House of Mid-Michigan, 121 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 485-9303, rmhmm.org.

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# Out on the town

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## MUSIC

**The Scratch Pilots Present: Get Busy.** With DJs DJ's E-NYCE, MR.NEDDLES, Don Black, McCoy & Muzik. Ages 21 and up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3. The RIV, 231 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing.

## Saturday, May 28

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Lean In Lansing.** Professional development group for women. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Register for location.

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**Tai Chi at Allen Market Place.** Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. No class April 30. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

## EVENTS

**City of Lansing Memorial Day Ceremony.**

Featuring guest speaker James Butler. Noon. FREE. Evergreen Cemetery (Little Arlington Section), 2600 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4276.

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

**Native Michigan Wildflower Sale.** Locally grown perennial wildflowers. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. \$3.00-\$3.75.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 29 >> 2016 HERITAGE JAZZ TOUR

The 2016 Heritage Jazz Tour, which comes to the Lake Lansing Park Band Shell Sunday, offers an evening of smooth jazz in the open air. Presented by Heritage Productions, the concert features singer/saxophonist Paula Atherton, singer/guitarist Bryan Lubeck, trumpeter Ginetta M. and Detroit-based producer/drummer Brandon Williams. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and/or coolers. No alcohol or dogs allowed in the park. 5 p.m. FREE. Lake Lansing Park Band Shell, 1621 Pike St., Haslett.

## FRIDAY, MAY 27 >> YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL AT ALL-OF-US EXPRESS CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Greater Lansing's youth theater talents are on full display Friday as All-of-us Express Children's Theatre presents its second annual Young Playwrights Festival. The festival features three plays written by young playwrights. "A Life of Type," by Audrey Tieman, follows a writer under the pressure of a tight deadline. "The Steinmetz Pink," by Ava Brewer, is a mystery set in the 1920s about the search for a missing diamond. "The Elevator at the End of the World," by Ellison Winterstein, tells the story of a man in purgatory who is confronted with temptations and moral dilemmas. The plays are performed by 29 local youths between the ages of 11 and 18. 7 p.m. \$7 adults, \$5 youth. Tickets can be purchased at the ELHCC front desk. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. (517) 319-6957, [alofusexpress.org](http://alofusexpress.org).

## Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsky

May 25-31

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): To convey the best strategy for you to employ in the coming weeks, I have drawn inspiration from a set of instructions composed by aphorist Alex Stein: Scribble, scribble, erase. Scribble, erase, scribble. Scribble, scribble, scribble, scribble. Erase, erase, erase. Scribble, erase. Keep what's left. In other words, Aries, you have a mandate to be innocently empirical, robustly experimental, and cheerfully improvisational — with the understanding that you must also balance your fun with ruthless editing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): "One must think like a hero to behave like a merely decent human being," wrote Taurus memoirist May Sarton. That's a dauntingly high standard to live up to, but for the foreseeable future it's important that you try. In the coming weeks, you will need to maintain a heroic level of potency and excellence if you hope to keep your dreams on track and your integrity intact. Luckily, you will have an extraordinary potential to do just that. But you'll have to work hard to fulfill the potential — as hard as a hero on a quest to find the real Holy Grail in the midst of all the fake Holy Grails.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): "Whatever you're meant to do, do it now," said novelist Doris Lessing. "The conditions are always impossible." I hope you take her advice to heart, Gemini. In my astrological opinion, there is no good excuse for you to postpone your gratification or to procrastinate about moving to the next stage of a big dream. It's senseless to tell yourself that you will finally get serious as soon as all the circumstances are perfect. Perfection does not and will never exist. The future is now. You're as ready as you will ever be.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): French painter Henri Matisse didn't mind being unmoored, befuddled, or in-between. In fact, he regarded these states as being potentially valuable to his creative process. Here's his testimony: "In art, truth and reality begin when one no longer understands what one is doing or what one knows." I'm recommending that you try out his attitude, Cancerian. In my astrological opinion, the time has come for you to drum up the inspirations and revelations that become available when you don't know where the hell you are and what the hell you're doing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Proposed experiment: Imagine that all the lovers and would-be lovers you have ever adored are in your presence. Review in detail your memories of the times you felt thrillingly close to them. Fill yourself up with feelings of praise and gratitude for their mysteries. Sing the love songs you love best. Look into a mirror and rehearse your "I only have eyes for you" gaze until it is both luminous and smoldering. Cultivate facial expressions that are full of tender, focused affection. Got all that, Leo? My purpose in urging you to engage in these practices is that it's the High Sexy Time of year for you. You have a license to be as erotically attractive and wisely intimate as you dare.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others," wrote editor Jacob M. Braude. Normally I would endorse his poignant counsel, but for the foreseeable future I am predicting that the first half of it won't fully apply to you. Why? Because you are entering a phase that I regard as unusually favorable for the project of transforming yourself. It may not be easy to do so, but it'll be easier than it has been in a long time. And I bet you will find the challenge to reimagine, reinvent, and reshape yourself at least as much fun as it is hard work.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Never turn down an adventure without a really good reason," says author Rebecca Solnit in her book *The Far Away Nearby*. That's a thought she had as she contemplated the possibility of riding a raft down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon. Here's how I suspect this meditation applies to you, Libra: There have been other times and

there will be other times when you will have good reasons for not embarking on an available adventure. But now is not one of those moments.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Russian poet Vera Pavlova tells about how once when she was using a pen and paper to jot down some fresh ideas, she got a paper cut on her palm. Annoying, right? On the contrary. She loved the fact that the new mark substantially extended her life line. The palmistry-lover in her celebrated. I'm seeing a comparable twist in your near future, Scorpio. A minor inconvenience or mild setback will be a sign that a symbolic revitalization or enhancement is nigh.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Norway is mountainous, but its neighbor Finland is quite flat. A group of Norwegians has launched a campaign to partially remedy the imbalance. They propose that to mark the hundredth anniversary of Finland's independence, their country will offer a unique birthday gift: the top of Halti mountain. Right now the 4,479-foot peak is in Norway. But under the proposed plan, the border between countries will be shifted so that the peak will be transferred to Finland. I would love you to contemplate generous gestures like this in the coming weeks, Sagittarius. It's a highly favorable time for you to bestow extra imaginative blessings. (P.S. The consequences will be invigorating to your own dreams.)

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): I believe that every one of us should set aside a few days every year when we celebrate our gaffes, our flaws, and our bloopers. During this crooked holiday, we are not embarrassed about the false moves we have made. We don't decry our bad judgment or criticize our delusional behavior. Instead, we forgive ourselves of our sins. We work to understand and feel compassion for the ignorance that led us astray. Maybe we even find redemptive value in our apparent lapses; we come to see that they saved us from some painful experience or helped us avoid getting a supposed treasure that would have turned out to be a booby prize. Now would be a perfect time for you to observe this crooked holiday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sometimes the love you experience for those you care about makes you feel vulnerable. You may worry about being out of control or swooping so deeply into your tenderness that you lose yourself. Giving yourself permission to cherish and nurture can make you feel exposed, even unsafe. But none of that applies in the coming weeks. According to my interpretation of the astrological omens, love will be a source of potency and magnificence for you. It will make you smarter, braver, and cooler. Your words of power will be this declaration by Syrian poet Nizar Qabbani: "When I love / I feel that I am the king of time / I possess the earth and everything on it / and ride into the sun upon my horse." (Translated by Lena Jayyusi and Christopher Middleton.)

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): In November 1916, at the height of World War I, the Swedish schooner *Jönköping* set sail for Finland, carrying 4,400 bottles of champagne intended for officers of the occupying Russian army. But the delivery was interrupted. A hostile German submarine sunk the boat, and the precious cargo drifted to the bottom of the Baltic Sea. The story didn't end there, however. More than eight decades later, a Swedish salvage team retrieved a portion of the lost treasure, which had been well-preserved in the frosty abyss. Taste tests revealed that the bubbly alcoholic beverage was "remarkably light-bodied, extraordinarily elegant and fantastically fresh, with discreet, slow-building toasty aromas of great finesse." (Source: [tinyurl.com/toastyaromas](http://tinyurl.com/toastyaromas).) I foresee the potential of a similar resurrection in your future, Pisces. How deep are you willing to dive?

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# Out on the town

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Meridian Township Farmers Market, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. wildoneslansing.org.

## THEATER

**Secrets.** Collection of one-act plays with Ixion Theatre Ensemble 8 p.m. \$15. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. ixiontheatre.com.  
**Chapatti.** Two lonely animal lovers form a bond. 8 p.m. \$15. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

## Sunday, May 29

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Charlotte Yoga Club.** Beginner to intermediate levels. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence Road, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138, charlottesyoga.net.  
**Juggling.** Learn to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard

Street Pump House, 368 Orchard St., Lansing. (517) 371-5119

## EVENTS

**Comics Crash Course For Kids.** Kids of all ages learn from a pro. 12:30-2:30 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

**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.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 >> BANJOS LIVE! AT ELDERLY INSTRUMENTS

Four of the nation's finest banjo players come together Wednesday to play a show at Lansing's revered vintage instrument shop. Elderly Instruments hosts Bob Carlin, Joe Newberry, Greg Cahill and Ken Perlman for a diverse program of five-stringed feats. The quartet are in town for the 12th annual Midwest Banjo Camp, which kicks off Thursday at Olivet College. Considered elite pioneers of playing the banjo, the four men have impressive resumes. For those who can't make it out Wednesday, the concert is streamed live at concertwindow.com. 7:30-8:40 p.m. \$15. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880, elderly.com.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 >> 'INSIDE PEACE' FILM SCREENING

In reality shows like "Lockup" and "Jail," prison inmates are stereotyped as hopeless, violent and dangerous. "Inside Peace," showing at East Lansing's Hannah Community Center Wednesday, offers a new perspective. The film follows three inmates in San Antonio's Dominguez State Jail in their difficult journey to break out of the prison system. Growing up in deprived, run-down neighborhoods, Trinidad, David and Jake entered the prison system at a young age. But their lives changed course when they entered a peace class offered in the jail. 7 p.m. \$5/17 and under FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-5523, ow.ly/9BoZ300ugBP.

## SUDOKU

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## TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, column, and outlined 3-by-3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once. No guessing is required. The solution is unique.

Answers on page 26

## 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.

## Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Plays With Words"—you can't avoid the drama.  
Matt Jones

### Across

- 1 Alter, as text
- 6 Does in, slangily
- 10 Org. that enforces liquid regulations
- 13 Carpenter's joint
- 14 Pouty expressions
- 16 "Bali \_\_\_\_"
- 17 Ibsen play with unintelligible dialogue?
- 19 Shade thrower?
- 20 "And that's the way \_\_\_\_"
- 21 Chekhov play about the empty spaces in wine barrels?
- 23 Cleveland cager, for short
- 24 Classic 1950 film noir
- 25 First-year class, slangily
- 26 "Family Feud" host Harvey
- 28 Geek blogger Wheaton
- 31 Golfer Isao \_\_\_\_
- 32 Group with pitchforks and torches
- 36 Captain Hansen of "Deadliest Catch"
- 37 O'Neill play about a brand-new theater?
- 41 "Oedipus \_\_\_\_"
- 42 "California Dreamin'" singer
- 43 Speedy breed of steed, for short
- 45 Prevailed
- 46 Like some IPAs
- 50 T-shirt store freebie, maybe
- 52 Dot-\_\_\_\_ boom
- 54 "Much \_\_\_\_ About

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- Nothing"
- 55 With 61-Across, Williams play about living quarters on a tram?
- 59 "\_\_\_\_ American Life"
- 60 Canadian singer/songwriter \_\_\_\_ Naked
- 61 See 55-Across
- 63 Honolulu hangable
- 64 The Care Bear \_\_\_\_
- 65 13th-century Mongol invader
- 66 "C \_\_\_\_ la vie!"
- 67 Tissue issue
- 68 Drummer Peter of Kiss
- braska campus site
- 7 "Watch out for flying golf balls!"
- 8 Afrocentric clothing line since 1992
- 9 Behave like a bear
- 10 "What's good for \_\_\_\_"
- 11 Marketing rep's product package
- 12 Aspires to greatness
- 15 Starter starter?
- 18 "Little" car in a 1964 hit
- 22 First name of a Fighting Irish legend
- 24 Jean jacket material
- 27 "Wet/dry" buy
- 28 Jane who divorced Reagan
- 29 '98 Apple
- 30 Last word of a Ricky Martin hit
- 33 Chew like a beaver
- 34 San \_\_\_\_ (Italian Riviera city)
- 35 "\_\_\_\_ Buddies" (Tom Hanks sitcom)
- 37 Like bartered things
- 38 Inquisition targets
- 39 Tailor's goal
- 40 AOL competitor, once
- 44 Where Moscow Mules may be served
- 47 "Mutiny on the Bounty" island
- 48 Nike competitor
- 49 Difficult questions
- 51 Microscope piece
- 52 Air Force student
- 53 Boston Bruins Hall of Famer Bobby
- 56 Grub
- 57 IRS agent, for short
- 58 O, in Spain
- 59 Emperor that hasn't been around for 99 years
- 62 Enumeration shortcut



# Out on the town

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1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. [ixiontheatre.com](http://ixiontheatre.com).  
**Chapatti.** Two lonely animal lovers form a bond.  
 2 p.m. \$15. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St.,  
 Williamston. (517) 655-7469, [williamstontheatre.com](http://williamstontheatre.com).

## MUSIC

**Heritage Jazz Tour.** Smooth jazz concert. 8-11 p.m. FREE. Lake Lansing Park Amphitheatre, 1621 Pike St., Haslett. (850) 376-7740.

## Monday, May 30

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Support Group.** For the divorced, separated and widowed. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, [stdavidslansing.org](http://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. (517) 484-5600.

## Tuesday, May 31

### 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](http://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](http://coda.org).

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

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

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

## MUSIC

**Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's.** Featuring Larry Barris and Jim Alfredson. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

**The Scratch Pilots Present: Turntable Tuesdays.** Featuring DJ'S Ruckus, Elemnt, Skitzo, Butcher & Virus. Ages 18 and up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Green Door Blues Bar & Grill, 2005 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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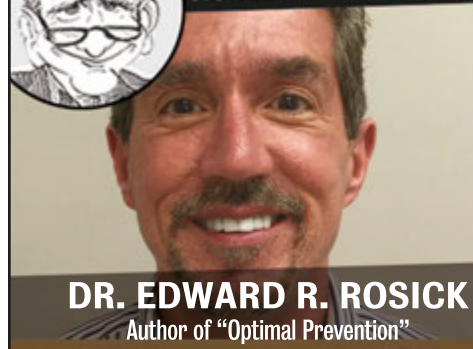
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## THURSDAY, JUNE 2 >> HIDDEN KEY FASHION SHOW AT SPARTAN STADIUM

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](http://aitchfoundation.com).

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### EVENTS

**Bible and Beer.** Discussion of scripture's power in daily events. 6 p.m. Kelly's Downtown, 220 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600,

[bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org](mailto:bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org).

**Downtown River Market.** With nutrition demos and live music. 3-7 p.m. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, [lansingcitymarket.com](http://lansingcitymarket.com)

**LCC West Toastmasters at Eaglemonk.** Fun impromptu speaking activities. All are welcome. 5-6 p.m. FREE. EagleMonk Pub & Brewery, 4906 W. Mount Hope Highway, Lansing. (517) 483-1314, [lccwest.toastmastersclubs.org](http://lccwest.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Wednesday, June 1

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**What Every Small Business Needs to Know About Accounting.** Basics of financial management. Call or register online. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Charlotte City Hall, 111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte. (517) 483-1921, [sbdcmichigan.org](http://sbdcmichigan.org).

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

**Banjos Live.** Featuring Bob Carlin, Joe Newberry, Greg Cahill and Ken Perlman. 7:30-8:40 p.m. \$15. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-7880, [elderly.com/calendar/bjo-concert](http://elderly.com/calendar/bjo-concert).

### 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.

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## SUMMER EDITION

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Lansing Brewing Co., which opened last fall in downtown Lansing, added yet another option for local beer connoisseurs. The brewery specializes in Angry Mayor IPA, named after Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero.

### By ALLAN I. ROSS

With the recent spike in Lansing-area barbecue joints and microbreweries, being the hero of the summer backyard party has never been easier. Why suffer through charred burgers scraped off a grill and washed down with skunky light beer when you can treat your family and friends to falling-off-the-bones smoked ribs doused in killer house-made sauce, paired with a charming craft brew made from locally-sourced ingredients? It's a good time to be a beer or barbecue buff here in the capital city.

The vanguard of the recent barbecue invasion is Old Town's **Meat Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine**, which fired up its wood-burning rotisserie stove, nicknamed "the Beast," four years ago.

"I had no intention of starting any kind of trend when I opened," said Sean Johnson, owner/operator of Meat. "I was just taking a hobby that I had a passion for and trying to make it work as a business. I consider myself very lucky that it's working."

When Johnson opened, Metro Lansing residents had the local **BackYard BBQ** restaurants and chain barbecue joint **Smokey Bones** in Eastwood Towne Center to choose between, with soul food staples **Ida's** and **Vernadine's** having recently passed into the void.

"There was already a barbecue (culture) in town, and I wanted to build on that," Johnson said. "But no one was doing what we were doing at the level we envisioned. I think that's what the difference was."

Last year, Johnson expanded Meat into a neighboring storefront and added a full bar and a second smoker, just in time to keep up with newcomers **Saddleback BBQ** in REO Town, **Capital City BBQ** near the Old Oakland Neighborhood and **Crossroads BBQ** in downtown Grand Ledge. National

chain **Famous Dave's** also arrived in Holt during the boom.

"The best part (of barbecue cuisine) is that it's so diverse," said Matt Gillet, co-owner of Saddleback. "There are so many ways to be the best."

Gillet and his business partner, Travis Stoliker, studied under competitive pit master Lonnie Smith. They competed under his tutelage two years ago in Georgia's annual Big Pig Jig, aka the "Super Bowl of Smoking," the year Smith won the grand championship. Saddleback's smoker was designed by Smith, taking Lansing-area diners within one degree of separation from world-class brisket and ribs.

Capital City BBQ keeps the diversity going by incorporating its smoked pork into traditional Vietnamese offerings, such as the banh mi, an authentic Vietnamese pork belly sandwich. And then earlier this year, the newest addition to the scene was Craig "Gump" Garmyn, who opened **Gump BBQ** on the eastern fringe of REO Town.

"I'd never been in the restaurant business, but I've been barbecuing for 26 years, so I thought, 'Why not?'" Garmyn said. "You can't have too much barbecue in town, especially if it's good."

That no-such-thing-as-too-much-of-a-good-thing sentiment is shared by the visionaries behind a wave of new Lansing-area microbreweries. Downtown Lansing's **Midtown Brewing Co.**, which started as a satellite location for the now defunct Michigan Brewing Co. in Webberville, was the first out of the gate in 2009. It has since transitioned into a stand-alone brewery/purveyor of craft beer. Over the past seven years, it's introduced many craft beer novices to a few new concepts — including the beer growler. You no longer have to schlep a flimsy cardboard case of cans to your backyard barbecue. Now you can roll

up with a sturdy, 64-ounce glass vessel filled with a craft beer that might not be available in any other format than "pint at the bar."

In 2012, **Eaglemonk Pub & Brewery** and **BAD Brewing Co.** set up shop in west Lansing and Mason, respectively. Both took a workmanlike approach to production with their spartan décor and quickly developed passionate followings. Then last year, three more joined the fray: **Ellison Brewery + Spirits**, which opened in an out-of-the-way former warehouse in Meridian Township last summer; **Lansing Brewing Co.**, which revived a century-old name in downtown Lansing; and **Old Nation Brewing Co.**, which set up shop in a former police station in Williamston.

Travis Fritts, one of the owners of Old Nation Brewing Co., studied beer making in Germany during the microbrew bubble that popped in the late '90s.

"When I came back to Michigan in 2002, the second wave of craft beer was just happening," Fritts said. "No one was certain if (microbreweries) would bounce back. But we've all been working in this industry for a long time, and by the time this (building) became available, it didn't take long for us to settle into a groove and get our production going."

Meanwhile, in Old Town, **Ozone Brewhouse** is putting the finishing touches on its production facility and tasting room, giving cerevisaphiles a hops-lined inroad into the quaint boutique district. A grand opening announcement is coming soon.

So if you're entertaining guests this summer, it's almost better if you don't have time to fire up the grill. Grab a slab of ribs from one of these Metro Lansing barbecue joints and fill up your growler with something special at any of these microbreweries, and you're good to go.

# TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN  
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Based on your votes in the first round of City Pulse's 2016 Top of the Town contest, we've assembled a guide to your favorite Lansing-area eateries. Last year's complete dining guide is always available on our website or on our official mobile app, *The Pulse*. The app is available on iPhone and Android platforms; head over to [facebook.com/lansingapp](https://facebook.com/lansingapp) or text "pulse" to 77948 for links to download.  
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## IPA Cheese Bombs— Lansing Brewing Co.

For a food to be craveable, for me, it has to be something I won't make at home. Maybe it's a cooking technique I haven't mastered, a spice blend I can't put my finger on or something so labor-intensive that



I'd rather pay someone else to make it for me. Lansing Brewing Co.'s IPA Cheese Bombs are craveable for all of those reasons, and also because they make me lose all self control.

### Lansing Brewing Co.

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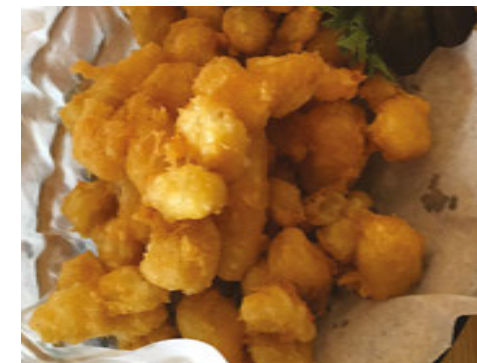
These babies aren't your typical bar fare mozzarella sticks. They are dollops of thick mozzarella cheese that are oh-so-lightly breaded and flash fried. The bread-

ing is almost an afterthought, akin to tempura on sushi rolls, and it's airy enough to let the cheese shine through. And shine it does, before you dip it in the spicy aioli and plopping it into your mouth. A moment of ecstasy follows before the cheese bomb — which could be called a cheese pillow — melts in

your mouth and you immediately reach for another.

Historically, I'm not a cheese lover or a fan of heavily breaded, fried foods. These defy all expectations and are reminiscent of carnival food in the best way possible. Remember the dough that funnel cakes are made from? Imagine that surrounding a clump of cheese. Are you craving them yet?

—Gabrielle Lawrence Johnson



### What's your favorite dish?

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




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