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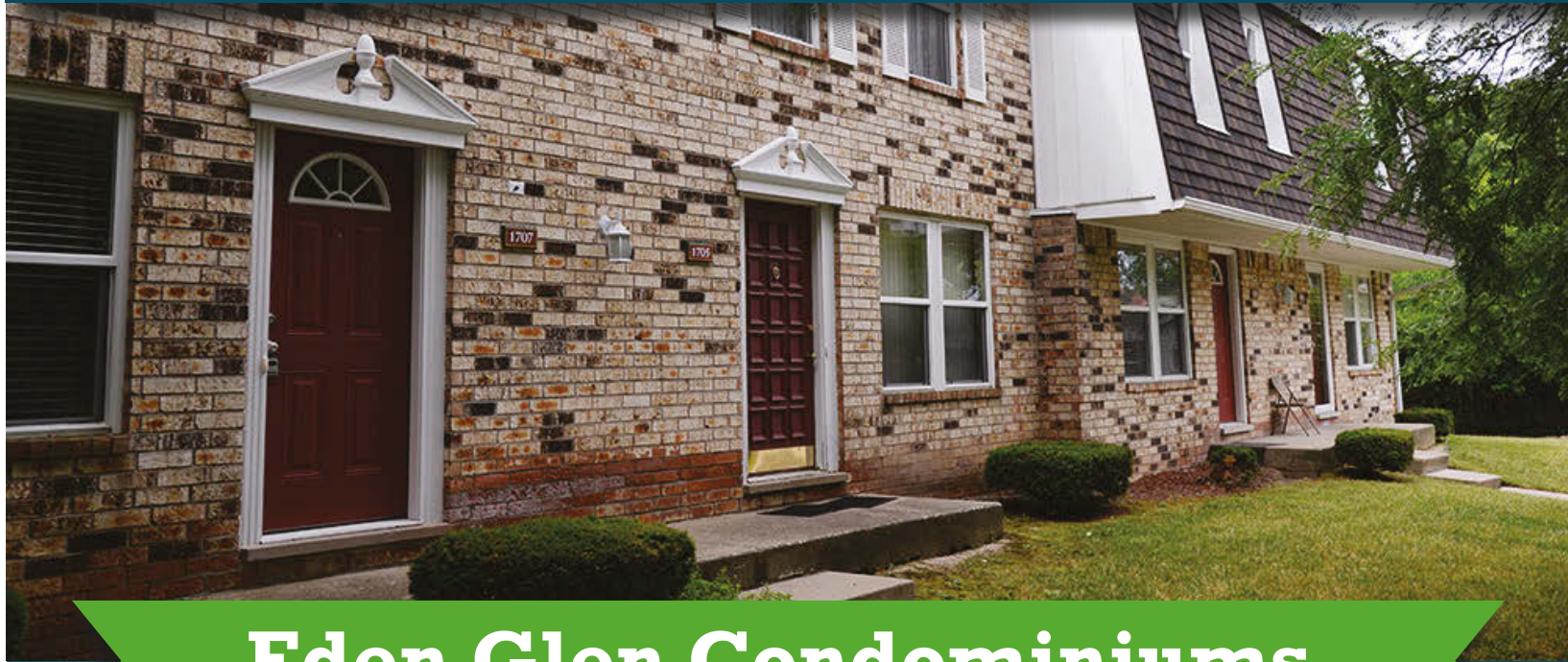
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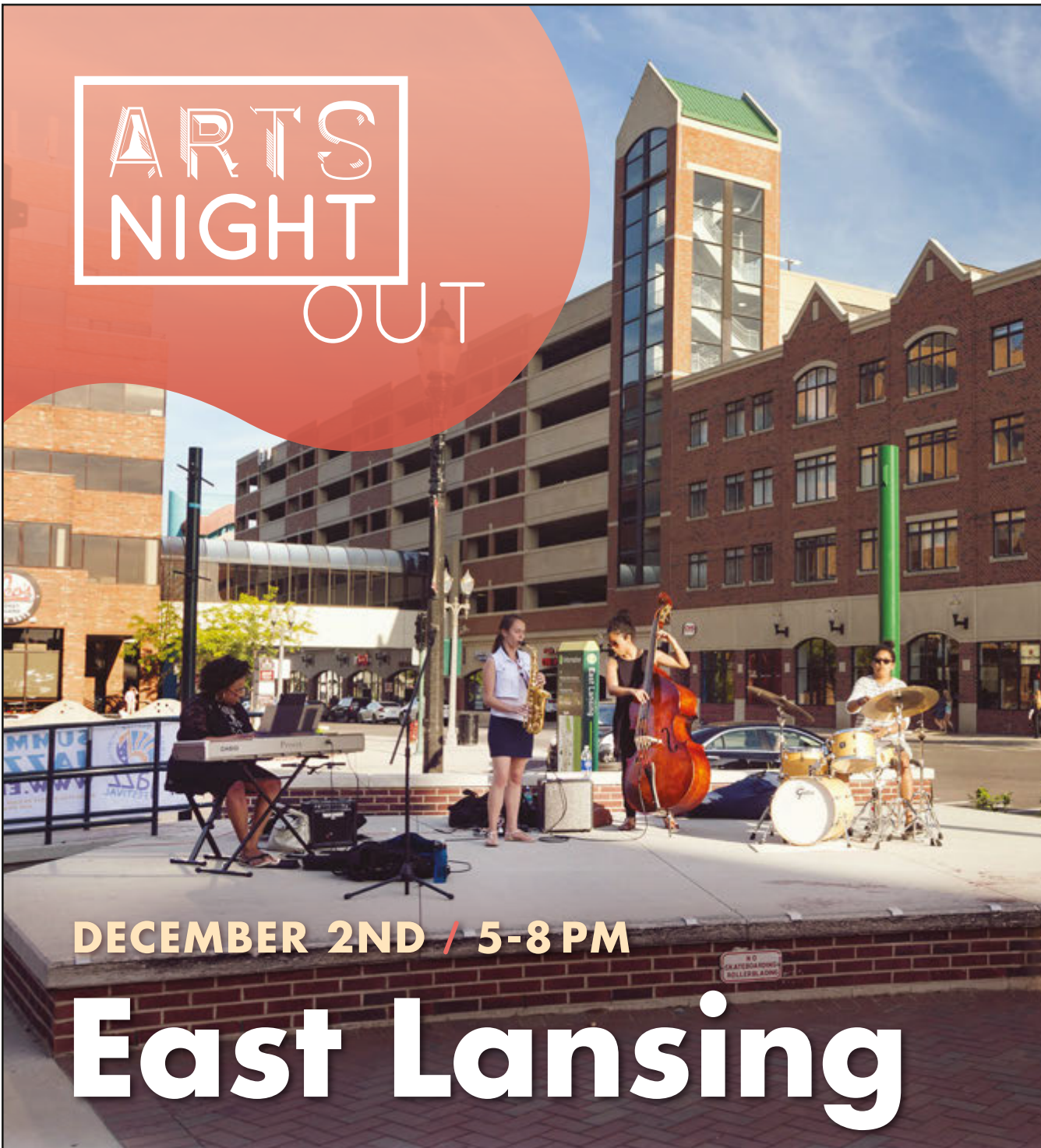
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An appeal for people in need from the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Dear readers,
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For far too many of our neighbors throughout mid-Michigan, the best gift is being able to put food on the table. And it's a gift you can give — by donating to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

In 2015, thanks to caring people of all ages and means, the GLFB was able to provide more than 5 million meals to those who didn't know where their next meal was coming from.

This is one of those rare opportunities to really make a difference. Because, thanks to

GLFB's programs and efficiencies, every dollar you give can provide more than five meals.

That's emergency food for children, the elderly, working families and individuals who simply can't make ends meet. And every dollar you give stays right here to help folks in our own community.

Today I ask you to join City Pulse in fighting hunger. You can use the donation envelope inside today's paper, or donate online at greaterlansingfoodbank.org. Any amount you can give will be the best gift ever.

Thank you.

—**Berl Schwartz**
Publisher

The House of Unrepresentatives

Once again, as a result of the November 8 election, Michigan's House of Representatives will not be representative.

What does it take to make a legislative body representative? John Adams held that the legislative branch "should be in miniature an exact portrait of the people at large. It should think, feel, reason and act like them." That is a reasonable definition of "representative."

What should Michigan's House of representatives look like if it were to conform to Adams' definition? My analysis of the 2016 General Election results shows that the voters were evenly split between Republicans and Democrats candidates in races for House seats. Presidential voting was also evenly split. Also, population statistics show that Michigan's population is 51% female and 49% male. Hence, to meet Adams' standard, one can expect a legislature to be one-half Republican and one-half Democrat and roughly 50-50 female and male.

What are the facts? My analysis further shows that the House will not be represen-

tative. While the seats should be split with 55 going to each party, the results are that Republicans will hold 63 seats compared to 47 for Democrats due to gerrymandering of legislative districts. Further, only 29 seats (26 percent) will be held by females. Thus, Republicans get 57% of the seats while getting 49 percent of the vote while Democrats get only 43% of the seats while receiving on the same vote.

Obviously gerrymandering is not a good thing for representative government regardless which party does the deed. Gerrymandering has got to go!

What's to be done? The citizens of the state should demand a legislature that is representative of the people. This can be best accomplished via an amendment to the state constitution specifying two requirements: (1) A legislature in which the voting power of the membership is divided amongst parties in proportion to votes received in the general election; and (2) a membership split between males and females in proportion to their occurrence in the population.

A constitutional amendment need not spell out the nuts and bolts of the details of such a system of elections. If the amendment were to specify that the system of elections is to be established by statute, the legislature and governor would be obligated to work out the details. There are a number of models by which the goal of a representative legislature could be accomplished.

Who might lead the effort to overturn the present system of elections that permits gerrymandering? Republicans? Not likely since they benefit from the present setup. The Democratic party is the likely candidate if it would give up its dream of capturing control of state government by 2020 so it can impose its own version of gerrymandering. If the Democrats won't step up to the plate in order to abolish gerrymandering, perhaps some civic minded group like the League of Women Voters or the Center For Michigan might.

All we have to gain is a representative legislature.

—**Daniel R. Brown**
DeWitt

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE GREAT DIVIDE

I'M SHOCKED AT THE INCIVILITY OF THOSE DISRESPECTFUL TRUMP PROTESTERS.

HOLD ON A SECOND.

YOU SPENT THE LAST YEAR AT TRUMP RALLIES CHANTING THINGS LIKE "LOCK HER UP" AND "TRUMP THAT BITCH."

YOU SPREAD RACIST AND ANTI-SEMITIC MEMES ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA.

YOUR CANDIDATE OPENLY FANTASIZED ABOUT PUNCHING PROTESTERS IN THE FACE, LIKE "BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS."

THERE ARE NOW PEOPLE SPRAY-PAINTING SWASTIKAS ON WALLS TO CELEBRATE HIS VICTORY.

AND ATTENDEES OF AN "ALT-RIGHT" CONFERENCE IN D.C. LITERALLY GAVE NAZI SALUTES WHILE SHOUTING "HEIL TRUMP!"

BUT SUDDENLY YOU THINK AMERICA SHOULD BE A SAFE SPACE--FOR TRUMP HIMSELF?

IT'S SURE GOING TO BE QUIETER AROUND HERE, AFTER THEY DEPORT YOU TO ANTARCTICA.

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I NEED TO GO HARASS THE STAFF AT STARBUCKS.

WHY IS THAT, AGAIN?

I'M NOT REALLY SURE, IT'S JUST A THING WE DO NOW.

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Dark money rising

Mayoral campaign already framed by shadowy groups and hidden agendas

A proxy war of secretive “citizen” groups has begun shaping a nascent 2017 Lansing mayoral race.

They want to unseat Virg Bernero, expected to seek a fourth term, and have targeted the economic incentive programs he’s promoted.

One group, Reform Lansing, has a website, video and Facebook group assailing the \$90-million, 823-bed SkyVue apartment block on Michigan Avenue.

The other, No Secret Lansing Deals, has raised concerns on its website and with its Facebook group about the proposed \$370 million Red Cedar Renaissance development.

Expected to resurface as the mayoral race nears is Capitol Region Progress, a shadowy group with ties to Bernero and the political consulting group Grassroots Midwest.

Welcome to social media campaigning. All three deny political motives and claim their goals are advocacy and education. None are willing to discuss their backers or finances.

“We are not publicly funded, unlike the development projects Virg Bernero is spending our tax dollars on,” said Angela Wittrock, spokeswoman for Reform Lansing.

“Citizens have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. Citizens should know that Virg Bernero is giving our tax dollars to his campaign contributors with zero accountability.”

Wittrock said her group is in the process of filing the paperwork to become a federally recognized political nonprofit known as a 501(c)4. That designation allows the organization to solicit donations and spend that money on “issue advocacy.”

Capitol Region Progress is already a federally recognized political nonprofit. It has not disclosed its donors, and its representatives have declined to discuss the organization with City Pulse. However, City Pulse

did report last year that some developers in the city reported Bernero had directed them to make donations to the organization rather than to his selected Council candidates in 2014. Bernero has denied influencing the actions of the organization.

No Secret Lansing Deals is fronted by Vanguard Public Affairs’ president, T.J. Bucholz. He too declined to identify his



A screenshot of a video being promoted by the political advocacy organization Reform Lansing. The video targets Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and Lansing Economic Area Partnership CEO Bob Trezise for their involvement in the approval of the SkyVue development on Michigan Avenue. The group contends the deal was bad for Lansing residents because it gave \$26 million in tax breaks to out-of-state developers, who then hired workers from outside of Lansing. The video is largely seen as the opening salvo in a proxy war between shadowy political “education” groups that will unfold during the 2017 mayoral election.

group’s donors, which he identified only as a coalition of “citizens and business owners.” He said the group has no intention of seeking a formal political nonprofit status.

“I think the climate in Lansing is such that some of my clients would be concerned about anonymity,” he said. The reason? They are worried about “bullying” by Bernero, who has made a name for himself as “The Angriest Mayor in America.”

Randy Hannan, Bernero’s chief of staff and spokesman, did not immediately respond to email inquiries regarding Bucholz’s allegations.

This is not the first time Bucholz has tangled with team Bernero. He ran the communications operations for former

Michigan House Speaker Andy Dillon in his 2010 bid for the Democratic nomination for governor. Bernero won that primary and went on to lose against Republican Rick Snyder.

For her part, Wittrock is no stranger to the mayor either. She covered City Hall for City Pulse as well as MLive.com before doing political communications for the Senate Democrats. Earlier this year she was hired by the liberal-issues advocacy group Priorities Michigan, a 501(c)4 founded in part by the Michigan League for Public Policy in 2014. Wittrock said her work with Reform Lansing is completely independent from her work with Priorities Michigan.

Despite calling for more transparency on development deals between Lansing and large developers, Bucholz said his group was focusing initially on the “shenanigans” in Lansing but will also shine a light on such activities across the state.

The group does appear to have ties to former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. Cox, who is in private practice, is representing Leo and Christopher Jerome in a federal civil lawsuit against Bernero and developer Joel Ferguson alleging racketeering in the awarding of the Red Cedar project. The Jeromes were originally partners with Ferguson on developing the old Red Cedar golf course in conjunction with adjacent property where the Jeromes operated a car dealership.

The group’s website was registered by Cox confidant Stu Sandler in June of this year. Bucholz said Sandler “may” have had some role in the group “early on.”

Bernero is hardly unarmed going into this campaign proxy war. His ties to Capitol Region Progress have played out in City Council races, where local developers were directed to donate to the political group rather than Third Ward City Council incumbent A’Lynne Boles or First Ward City Council challenger Shelley Mielock.

The mayor issued a vague statement about the group in 2015.

“Capitol Region Progress has been active in city elections for the past four years, so it is no surprise they are involved in this cycle,” he said in an emailed statement in 2015 as the group was flooding the First and Third wards with robocalls and mailers. “While I may not agree with all their tactics, I appreciate that they support a pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda and they care enough about metro Lansing to op-



Property: Cherry Hill kiosk, Lansing

The structure below was our eyesore back in October 2014. At that time, it was noted that there was significant wood rot and that a restoration of the signage on one face of the structure had been poorly executed by a “presumably well-meaning individual.”

Recently, the kiosk (above) has seen a well-deserved transformation executed by the Cherry Hill Neighborhood Association, allowing it to stand again on Grand Avenue as a suitable marker for neighborhood. The new structure is a combination of reused and new, synthetic materials.

Beyond the obvious improvements brought by the repairs, one additional noteworthy change includes the treatment of the east elevation. New text offers a brief history of this section of the city, with its gracious, historic housing stock and industrial legacy. The marker defines an obvious entry for automotive traffic and provides a history lesson for pedestrians.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA



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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT, DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

**Ingham County Drain Commissioner
Patrick E. Lindemann**

BLUE-SPOTTED SALAMANDER DRAIN

LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, Patrick E. Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed construction bids on **Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, until 10:00 a.m. local time**. Bids will be opened and publicly announced at 10:00 a.m. for the construction, maintenance and improvement of a certain drain known and designated as the Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain, located and established in Alaiedon Township and Delhi Charter Township in said County. Bids must be delivered to 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, MI 48854 within the timeframes listed above in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

The Drain project consists of installation of an enclosed storm sewer, open channel excavation, drainage structures, culverts, a storm water quality structure, site clearing and gravel road construction work. The construction, maintenance and improvement of said Drain is described as follows, each section having the length, average depth and width as set forth:

Containing three (3) sections total having a length, average depth and width of: 402 ft long, 1.25 ft deep, and 18 ft wide; 1,445 ft long, 6.4 ft average depth, and 4 ft wide trench (enclosed drain); 190 ft long, 2.5 ft average depth, and 3 ft bottom width.

In the construction, maintenance and improvement of said Drain, the project consists of furnishing all supplies and installation and construction of the following estimated quantities for major items of work and character of tile or pipe, with appurtenances, and the contract let for the same. The following quantities are approximate and final payment will be made on the measured quantities.

1,237 feet of new drain construction and 313 feet of drain regrading

438 feet of channel excavation including 450 cubic yards of embankment (fill) for proper drainage

Installation of eleven (11) drainage structures ranging from 18-inch diameter to 84-inch diameter, including one (1) Control Structure and one (1) Stormceptor STC 1200

Installation of 1,469 feet of 24-inch, class IV storm sewer

Replacement of the existing two-track access drive with a 20' wide fire access drive with a variable right shoulder

Plans and Bidding Documents are on file and may be examined beginning on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. local time** at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854. Bidders wishing to download the Plans and Specifications at NO COST may do so by registering as a planholder with Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., over the phone at (586) 726-1234 and obtaining download instructions.

For bidders wishing to purchase hard copies of the Plans and Specifications, these may be obtained from the office of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. A fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) will be required for each set of proposed plans and specifications and will not be refunded. A mailing fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to cover handling and postage will be charged to anyone wishing to receive the plans and specifications via United Parcel Service (UPS).

A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held at **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016**, at the gravel access drive located south of Harper Road just east of 3345 Harper Road in Mason, Michigan. Representatives of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and Engineer will be present to discuss the contract. Prospective Bidders are required to attend and participate in the pre-bid conference. All prospective Bidders must sign in by name of attendee, business represented, and email address. Prospective Bidders who fail to attend and register at the pre-bid conference will be considered non-responsive and will be disqualified from bidding on the Contract. The Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as the Engineer considers necessary in response to questions. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

This Contract will be let in accordance with the Contract Documents now on file in the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner and available to interested parties. Bids will be made and received in accordance with these documents. A contract will be made with the lowest responsible Bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such bid letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the substantial completion of the Contract is 120 days after the notice to proceed with final completion by 150 days after the notice to proceed. The terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. Any responsible person wanting to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to deposit bid security in the amount specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bonds as prescribed by the contract specifications and applicable law. All bids shall remain open for ninety (90) days after the day of the bid opening, but I reserve the right at my sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries for one day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854 or at such other time and place to which I may adjourn. At that time and place, I will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain Drainage District, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefited by the Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended. The Drain is located and established in Sections 30 and 31 of Alaiedon Township, T.3N.-R.1W.; and Sections 25 and 36 of Delhi Charter Township, T.3N.-R.2W.; in Ingham County, Michigan. The lands to be added are located in Section 31 in Alaiedon Township and are a portion of the following parcels:

33-06-06-31-352-003	33-06-06-31-377-001
33-06-06-31-352-004	33-06-06-31-377-002
33-06-06-31-352-011	33-06-06-31-377-003
33-06-06-31-377-004	33-06-06-31-400-041
33-06-06-31-377-005	

The lands to be removed are located in Section 31 in Alaiedon Township and are a portion of the following parcels:

33-06-06-31-352-001	33-06-06-31-352-011
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33-06-06-31-352-005	33-06-06-31-352-014
33-06-06-31-352-006	33-06-06-31-352-018
33-06-06-31-352-007	33-06-06-31-352-019
33-06-06-31-352-008	

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

DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, that on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**, the apportionments for benefits to the lands comprised within the "Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain Special Assessment District" will be subject to review for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854, or at such time and place to which I may adjourn. At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. At said review, the computation of costs for construction, maintenance and improvement of the Drain will also be open for inspection by any interested parties.

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Dark money

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pose candidates who they believe are an obstacle to progress.”

The group's tactics were criticized in 2014 when it attacked Ingham County Commissioner Deb Nolan and former City Councilman Brian Jeffries. In 2015, Capitol Region Progress again appeared on the political scene with mailers accusing Adam Hussain, Boles' challenger in the Third Ward, of being a puppet of his mother, Jody Washington, then seeking re-election to her First Ward seat. The group also released robocalls. Those calls resulted in complaints to the FCC by residents. Those residents said they still have not heard from the FCC on the status of their complaints.

Craig Mauger, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, said the groups should disclose their donors so voters have a better idea who is trying to influence their votes.

He said voters "can't weigh the value because there is no transparency."

Don't expect the groups to disappear, though, he said.

"This is the trend of what is going to happen in Michigan and nationally until an elected official stops it," he said.

Fred Woodhams, a spokesman for Secre-

tary of State Ruth Johnson, said the groups were not impacted by Michigan finance laws.

"State campaign-finance law does not require anything from groups that do not explicitly advocate for or against a candidate," he said in an emailed statement.

That's something one potential mayoral candidate has tried to change.

Democrat Andy Schor, who represents a large portion of the city of Lansing in the state House chamber, said he has tried to make "so-called dark money groups or issue advocacy groups or whatever you want to call them" disclose their donors. He introduced legislation to force such disclosures, but the GOP-controlled Legislature passed a law exempting the groups from campaign finance disclosures.

"I'd say if I had my way, they would be required to disclose like any candidate committee," he said.

And while he is calling for disclosure by all the groups on who is funding them, he said it is unlikely to happen.

"No one is going to want to unilaterally disarm," he said.

Lansing Council President Judi Brown Clarke, who is considering a run for mayor too, said she was unaware of the groups and therefore "had no comment."

— Todd Heywood



Whither Obamacare

Signals mixed on health insurance in the coming Trump era

Since Donald Trump's election, patients have been asking me about the fate of the Affordable Care Act. The announcement Tuesday that the president-elect has selected an ardent foe of Obamacare to run the department that oversees it is another sign that big changes are in store.

If we take Trump at his word, then Obamacare is soon to be as cooked as your holiday turkey, and choosing Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., to head the Health and Human Services Department, just raised the oven temperature.

But often on the campaign trail candidates will say one thing and then, once they're in office, will suddenly have a "come to Jesus" moment — or in the case of Washington, "come to the lobbyist carrying the most money" — and completely switch positions. Remember,



DR. EDWARD ROSICK

the insurance companies have reaped hundreds of millions of dollars from Obamacare — notwithstanding their whining about losing money — and certainly wouldn't be happy to have that federal dollar spigot suddenly shut off.

It appears that Trump is angling toward keeping some parts of the ACA intact, such as requiring insurance companies to offer coverage for pre-existing health conditions and continuing to allow young people to remain on parental insurance policies through the age of 26.

Other sections, like requiring everyone to purchase healthcare insurance (the individual mandate) will, in all likelihood, be significantly modified or repealed.

Another question is what Trump will do about Medicaid. Obamacare, by fully funding state Medicaid programs with federal dollars, expanded healthcare coverage to 16 million people in the U.S., 600,000 of them here in Michigan alone. Trump and congressional Republicans have been touting replacing this section of the ACA with block grants and allowing the states more flexibility in how the money is spent. What this means in reality is a decrease in federal funding, likely leading to states' restrict-

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Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the special assessment district for the BLUE-SPOTTED SALAMANDER DRAIN or any city, village, township, or county aggrieved by the tentative apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) calendar days after the day of review of apportionments by making an application to the Ingham County Probate Court for appointment of a Board of Review.

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

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the "Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain Special Assessment District." The description of area that is served by the Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain consists of lands situated in Sections 30 and 31 of Alaiedon Township, T3N, R1W; and Sections 25 and 36 of Delhi Charter Township, T3N, R2W; in Ingham County, Michigan.

ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP (T3N, R1W)

Section 30: SW ¼; W ½ of the SE ¼
 Section 31: NW ¼; W ½ of the NE ¼; NW ¼ of the SE ¼; SW ¼

DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP (T3N, R2W)

Section 25: E ½ of the SE ¼
 Section 36: NE ¼ of the SE ¼; E ½ of the NE ¼

In addition to the parcels and tracts of land listed above, the County of Ingham, Alaiedon Township, Delhi Charter Township, and the Michigan Department of Transportation for benefit to state highways, will be specially assessed at-large for benefits in the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Drain.

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

- Clerk of Ingham County;
- Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners;
- Supervisor of Alaiedon Township;
- Supervisor of Delhi Charter Township;
- Managing Director of the Ingham County Road Department
- Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such time and place thereafter to which said bid letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction, maintenance and improvement of the Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain, in the manner hereinbefore stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the apportionment of benefits and the lands comprised within the Blue-Spotted Salamander Drain Drainage District special assessment district will be subject to review;

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

This notice is pursuant to Sections 154 and 197 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, and Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1962.

Proceedings conducted at the pre-bid conference, bid opening, day of review of drainage district boundaries, and day of review of apportionments are subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Patrick E. Lindemann, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, or through the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: November 28, 2016

Patrick E. Lindemann
 Ingham County Drain Commissioner
 707 Buhl Avenue, Mason, Michigan 48854

Rosick

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ing Medicaid eligibility and reducing benefits.

However, in order to not end this article on a buzz-kill note — in the spirit of the season and such — it should be noted that for at least the past 15 years, Trump has been saying that he is for a single-payer, universal healthcare system, at least for those with limited economic means. That's right, our new Republican president has been sounding just like Bernie Sanders and Jill Stein, not Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio.

If we as a country can afford to have our brave men and women of the armed forces in 100-plus countries around the world and burn over a trillion dollars in apparently endless wars in the Middle East, then we damn well better be able to afford our citizens — especially or poorest citizens — basic, universal healthcare. If Trump also truly believes this, and can make it happen despite Congress, then it will be something all of us, regardless of race, sex, or religion, should be truly thankful for this holiday season.

(Dr. Edward Rosick, who is an osteopath and head of the Healthy Campus Initiative at Michigan State University, is the author of "Optimal Prevention.")

Grow it here

Lansing should nurture, not discourage, billion-dollar marijuana industry

There's a great adage in baseball: Better to trade a year too early than a year too late.

As theory, it applies to Lansing and its bumbling attempts to constrain and diminish the medical marijuana industry. Why not acknowledge that pot soon — by that I mean very soon — will be legalized and that Lansing could be the center of Michigan's marijuana industry.

Marijuana is a billion-dollar industry rapidly moving from the shadows to mainstream. For the Lansing region, which is seeking to diversify an economy too weighted toward government, encouraging this growth industry would create hundreds — perhaps thousands of jobs — and mark the region as progressive, even cool, something it now struggles with.

It's more than a pipe dream (pardon the pun). Marijuana when legalized will be heavily regulated, and the state capital is where regulation happens. Better to be in Lansing than, say, Midland or Paw Paw.

The region is home to one of the finest agricultural research institutions in the world: Michigan State University. Its expertise could help ensure that product grown here is high quality and profitable, in a very competitive market. It's important to think of marijuana as a crop and remember that MSU already helps support the state's beer and wine industries. Why not pot?

Lansing has plenty of land. Kansas City developer NorthPoint announced plans last week to purchase 260 acres of abandoned General Motors property but was coy about its plans. The sites are ideal for industrial growing operations. Apparently marijuana grown in greenhouses and indoor factories is preferable to wild-grown weed.

Lansing's central location served by two interstate highways, and an airport practiced in logistics is cited by economic development officials as one reason for businesses to locate here. Marijuana is easy to move by truck or airplane.

And finally, there is the economic payoff: jobs, tax revenue and related economic spinoffs.

With recreational marijuana already available in Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Alaska, and legalized as of the Nov. 8 election in California, Nevada, Maine, and Massachusetts, already there is a robust and legal job market.

The job site Monster Worldwide reports that the marijuana industry in Colorado employs 10,000 people. Also, it cites reporting in The Seattle Times that trim-

mers can make between \$12 and \$15 an hour cutting leaves away from the marijuana buds, entry-level jobs that can lead to employment as gardeners or concentrate makers, with salaries between \$50,000 to \$90,000.

"As the industry evolves and finds its footing, jobs that simply ceased to exist (at least legally) yesterday are suddenly opening up to provide viable, legal career paths for people looking to get involved with something new and emerging," Monster Worldwide reported.

Maybe its predictions are a bit rosy. But as a business sector, marijuana is red hot.

ArcView Market Research, which researches and promotes the marijuana industry, projects 25 percent growth for the legal cannabis market in 2016 and forecasts \$22 billion in sales by 2020.

With this potential, why is Lansing doing all that it can to make the city medical marijuana unfriendly? City Hall politics.

To be sure, there are those who believe that adding marijuana to an already troubling mix of intoxicants — drugs and alcohol — will only exacerbate abuse.

But that's doesn't explain Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's troubling push for the Lansing Board of Water & Light, the utility he controls, to begin combing customer records for homeowners using excess electricity. According to the utility, this information is private.

Bernero wants the BWL to turn over electrical usage information to the city's enforcement departments, which will use court orders if necessary to force entry into homes to check for marijuana cultivation. How very Trump. Fortunately, the city doesn't own the phone company.

Wouldn't it be better to use the BWL as an economic development tool, offering to help marijuana growers install safe and efficient LED lighting and cooling systems, perhaps with credits or incentives to defray the costs?

Then there is the long delayed and poorly drafted city ordinance to update regulation of the medical marijuana trade, which would impose punishing requirements on those seeking to comply with the 2008 state ballot proposal allowing its use. In its various forms, the city has sought to require \$50,000 in assets to operate a medical marijuana business as well as \$10,000 to \$20,000 in licensing fees.

Consider how different this is from the economic incentives packages the city and other regional governments roll out for housing projects or industries with much slower growth potential.

Lansing still has a chance the move to the front of the line, to nurture the industry a year to early, rather than a year too late.

But it will take real leadership, perhaps policies that cost some votes in the short run. For a mayor already worried about reelection challengers, and a too often clueless Council, this may be asking too much.



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City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing Brownfield Plan #66 – Fluid Chillers Expansion Redevelopment Project

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #66 – Fluid Chillers Expansion Redevelopment Project pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as 3005 Alpha Access Street located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

A parcel of land in the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 4 North, Range 2 West, City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, including all of Lot 12 and Lot 13 and part of Lot 14 of CENTRAL WAREHOUSING a subdivision of part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 27, Town 4 North, Range 2 West, Lansing Township (now City of Lansing), Ingham County, Michigan, a recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Page 43, Ingham County Records; the surveyed boundary of this parcel described as: Commencing at the South ¼ corner of said Section 27; thence N00°03'11"W, along the North-South ¼ line of Section 27, 1537.89 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this parcel; thence S89°52'57"W, parallel with the East-West ¼ line of Section 27, 882.33 feet to the east line of Alpha Street and the southwest corner of Lot 12 of CENTRAL WAREHOUSING a subdivision; thence N16°45'00"W, along the east line of Alpha Street, 268.65 feet; thence N89°52'57"E, parallel with the East-West ¼ line of Section 27, 959.52 feet to the North-South ¼ line of Section 27; thence S00°03'11"E, along the North-South ¼ line, 257.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.44 acres of land, Parcel # 33-01-01-27-327-113.

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

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

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DOUBLE SLEDDOG DARE

Jamie-Sue Seal, John Latini host dual album release show

By TY FORQUER

After years of working behind the scenes, local singer/songwriter Jamie-Sue Seal is stepping back into the spotlight with a new album — her first solo effort in 12 years.

Seal's performance career has been on the back burner for several years as she focused on her business, Smokin' Sleddog Records, where she manages, books and promotes a variety of musical acts.

"It's like that old saying, mama comes last," she joked. "I'm a passionate supporter of the artists I represent. That keeps me busy; I'm a workaholic."

Seal's new disc, playfully titled "The Post-Victorian Woman's Guide to Reckless Flirtations," was released earlier this month on her own label. She's teaming up with three-time Detroit Blues Challenge winner John Latini, who also released a new album this month, for a dual CD release concert Friday at East Lansing's Hannah Community Center.

Seal has assembled an impressive, nearly all-female backing band, the Come Hithers, for Friday's show.

"We have an honorary girl, because my bass player dropped out," she joked. (Detroit-based bassist Keith Malinowski is filling in for the show.)

The nine-piece band features several faces that will be familiar to local folk fans, including Jo Serrapere of Stella, Lansing folk mainstay Sally Potter and Siusan O'Rourke of folk duo Siusan and Zig.

"I thought it would be fun to have an all-female band," she said. "I was able to assemble an all-star group of women."

Seal, who turned 52 earlier this year — "I tell people I'm as good as two 26-year-olds," she quips — was a busy performer through the '80s and '90s. But in the early 2000s, she didn't see a way forward as a singer.

"Women aren't thought of as sexy bombshells when they're in their 40s," she said. "I thought maybe it was time to try a different avenue."

Seal transitioned to the business side of

music, working as a booking agent and promoter for local acts.

"I had a good eye for business, for seeing what needed to be done," she said. "I learned to enjoy that side of it."

She also founded Smokin' Sleddog Records, though, in the early days, it was little more than a logo.

"By that time, technology had made it possible for people to release their own records," she explained. "That was originally just something to put on the first few CDs."

But Seal continued to sing and write songs with other artists and even started a duo, Bottle Rocket Cabaret, with Latini. Then about five years ago she started to get the itch to record some new songs.

"I started writing, and I thought, 'Maybe I'm not done with this yet,'" she said.

The result of that project is "The Post-Victorian Woman's Guide to Reckless Flirtations," a humor-filled throwback to the music of the early 20th century.

"It's like a cabaret — it's got horns and a vintage, retro feel," she explained. "It's a tip of the hat to the '20s and '40s, but it also has a contemporary bent to it."

Latini, 58, was



Courtesy Photo

Jamie-Sue Seal (left) and John Latini host a dual CD release show Friday at the Hannah Community Center.

one of the first artists Seal worked with as an agent. The two met at the Grand Marais Music Festival in 2005, where Latini was serving as emcee and Seal was performing with her band, the Radio Town Flyers. The two struck up a friendship and eventually started working together.

"I thought he was so talented; he has

that great big growly voice," Seal said. "I thought, 'This is somebody I can get behind.' He was a good, patient guinea pig."

For his part, Latini was happy to hand off the non-music side of his work.

"I'm not a keen business person," he said. "I don't have the patience to make cold calls and talk about how great I am. It really helps to have someone in your corner."

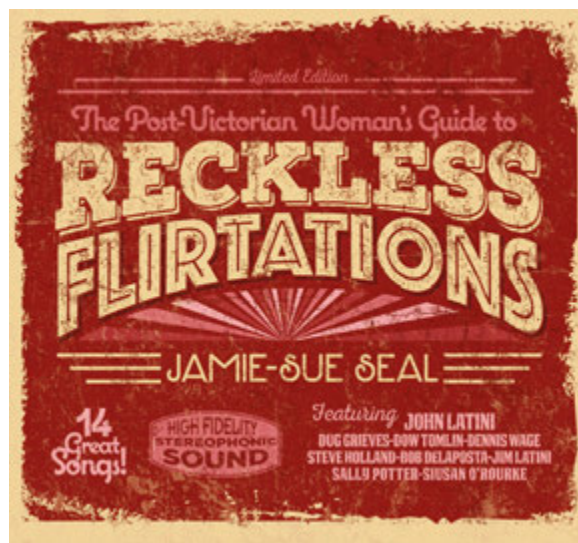
Latini's latest album, "The Blues Just Makes Me Feel Good," is his third release on Smokin' Sleddog Records.

"It's my first full blues CD," he said. "It's not straight blues — the changes aren't the same every song. But my voice is bluesy, and the content is a little risqué, like the old blues tunes."

Latini pulls influences from iconic songwriters like Paul Simon and Elvis Costello, as well as classic rock bands like Little Feat. He will be backed Friday by his band, the Flying Latini Brothers, augmented by a full horn section and a complement of background singers. Despite the familial name, only one member — drummer Jim Latini — is an actual brother of the singer.

Seal and Latini will perform their new albums live Friday, but there are also some twists. They will debut three music videos at the show. Guest performers, including a quartet of dancers, will pepper the performances.

"It's not going to be just a concert," Seal said. "It's going to be very entertaining. And John has a great suit."



Courtesy Photos

Jamie Sue Seal's "The Post-Victorian Woman's Guide to Reckless Flirtations" and John Latini's "The Blues Just Makes Me Feel Good" were released this month on Seal's Smokin' Sleddog Records label.

Love at first print

Kimberly Lavon finds her niche, opens East Lansing gallery space

By TY FORQUER

Art has been part of Kimberly Lavon's life from the moment she was born — well, even before that, actually.

"My parents met in art class," she said. "I remember learning art just like learning English."

Lavon, this week's cover artist, owns and runs her own gallery/workspace, Kimberly Lavon INK, in East Lansing. Friday, Lavon's gallery hosts "#Fem2," a group exhibition featuring seven female artists. The exhibit is part of Arts Night Out, the Arts Council of Greater Lansing's traveling monthly art event.

"Some of these artists haven't exhibited in years," Lavon said. "I'm proud to offer a space for them to share their work."

Lavon, 35, works primarily in fine art prints, but she didn't pick up printmaking until college. Before that, she tried her hand



Courtesy Photo

Printmaker Kimberly Lavon, featured on this week's cover, is presenting an all-female exhibition at her gallery Friday for this month's Arts Night Out event.

at drawing and painting and even worked as an apprentice at a tattoo shop.

"Other artists told me that my art looked like printmaking," she said. "I didn't even know what that meant."

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All that glitters

Arts Council fundraiser includes auction of City Pulse cover art

By TY FORQUER

The Arts Council of Greater Lansing will auction off over 15 pieces of art that graced the cover of City Pulse this year as part of its annual Holiday Glitter fundraiser next week.

Holiday Glitter

6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6
\$75/\$40 members
University Club of MSU
3435 Forest Road, Lansing
(517) 372-4636,
lansingarts.org

"It's a really great partnership between the Arts Council and City Pulse," said Deborah Mikula, executive director of the Arts Council. "We got to showcase 15 of our artists. That exposure was really well received by the community."

The auction features 12 pieces by local artists that appeared on City Pulse's cover for the Summer of Art, as well as pieces created by artists participating in the Arts Council's Arts Night Out events. The works will be sold by silent auction; 30 percent of the sale price goes to the artist, and the remainder benefits the Arts Council.

"I'm pretty impressed," Mikula said of the works up for auction. "Our patrons

are going to be really happy to take some of these pieces home."

Admission includes hors d'oeuvres and two drink tickets, and a cash bar is available. Live music for the evening is provided by the John Dale Smith Trio. Holiday Glitter also includes the Arts Council's Applause Awards, which recognize artists, businesses and community groups that have made an impact in the local arts scene.

"It's not just a fundraiser," Mikula said. "We enjoy recognizing the incredible contributions of artists in our community."



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"Yankee Doodle," by local artist Bruce Thayer, is one of the City Pulse Summer of Art pieces up for auction at the Arts Council of Greater Lansing's Holiday Glitter fundraiser.

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Toby Keith coming to Common Ground Music event announces first headliner, shorter festival

By TY FORQUER

Common Ground 2016 was just a few months ago, but the music festival has already confirmed its first headliner for 2017. Country star Toby Keith was announced today as headliner for July 7.

Common Ground Music Festival

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commongroundfest.com

For its 18th annual event, Common Ground is shortening the festival. In recent years, the festival has been a six-day, Tuesday-through-Sunday event. The 2017 festival offers just four days: Thursday, July 6 through Sunday, July 9. Jenna Meyer, marketing director for Meridian Entertainment Group, which organizes the festival, said the decision was based on calendar concerns and for financial reasons.

“It’s the way the Fourth of July fell,” she explained, noting that the holiday falls on a Tuesday this year. “We decided to do four days and bring in some bigger names, rather than try to get people in on a holiday.”

Keith is known for blue collar anthems like “Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue,” “I Love This Bar” and “Beer for My Horses,” his duet with country legend Willie Nelson. The singer, who released his self-titled debut album in 1993, has recorded 18 studio albums, including nine albums that topped the U.S.

country charts, and has put out 20 No. 1 country singles. In July, Keith released his latest single, “A Few More Cowboys,” which follows his successful 2015 album, “35 MPH Town.” Festival passes and single day tickets for July 7 go on sale Friday at 10 a.m.

While the festival has not announced any other headliners, Meyer said each night will be built around a different genre. In recent years, country music and hip hop have drawn the largest crowds.

“The festival has some genres that perform better than others, so you’ll probably see those,” she said. “But it really depends on what acts are touring and available.”

Meyer wouldn’t say whether the switch to a four-day festival is a one-year scheduling glitch or a permanent change.

“It’s always a fluid plan,” she said. “It depends on how this year goes.”



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Country star Toby Keith is the first 2017 headliner announced by Common Ground Music Festival.



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She enrolled in a printmaking class at Kendall College of Art and Design and soon fell in love with the process.

“From the second I did it, from when I pulled my first print, I haven’t done anything else,” she said.

Even after years of printmaking, Lavon is still exploring new processes and methods.

“You can do things that are phenomenal,” she said. “It will never be boring to me.”

Some of Lavon’s most striking works, which feature skulls and skeletons, are inspired by Mexico’s Dia de los Muertos holiday. She is working on a series of prints that deal with social issues like the recent presidential election, the Dakota Access Pipeline and gun violence.

“If you shoot or stab someone, they can heal, and you can say you’re sorry, but they’ll never forget what happened,” she said. “People need to think about their actions.”

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CURTAIN CALL

Revenge of 'The Nerd' Williamston Theatre shines in classic farce

By DAVID WINKELSTERN

I would not be surprised to learn that Larry Shue — author of “The Nerd” — was a great chess player. The classic play — which opened at the Williamston Theatre Friday — is full of clever dialogue that builds on previous exchanges. Like a chess master, Shue knew how to expertly move every piece in the shrewd play.

Review Interconnecting comedic lines became more comical as the play unfolded. The more I understood the colorful characters, the more I fully appreciated them — and the more I realized Shue’s full intent.

A splendid cast helped this witty play achieve its checkmate of success. Eric Eilersen, as Rick Steadman, was likeable as an unlikable nerd. His portrayal of an annoying, simplistic goof required a level of sophistication few actors could accomplish. Eilersen’s voice switching was also remarkable.

“The Nerd”

Williamston Theatre
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3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday;
2 p.m. Sunday
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and Saturday evenings/\$27
Saturday and Sunday
matinees/\$10 students/\$2
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Williamston Theatre
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(517) 655- 7469,
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Blake Bowen, as the enthusiastic Axel Hammond, gave strength to relatively minor lines and real muscle when his character was highlighted. His obvious sweat drops were badges of an honorable and impassioned

performance.

The young Anne Miranda impressively transformed herself into the subdued and older looking Clelia Waldgrave, playing the role with a convincing, neurotic charm. Alex Leydenfrost, as her gruff husband and bossy boss, had me believing every agonizing grimace and bellow.

Kristy Allen smoothly assumed the part of Tansy McGinnis, and Greg Hunter efficiently handled the role of Willum Cubbert. Kinawa Middle School student Desten Knox, as Thor Waldgrave, showed he has a promising future as an actor. The complete cast capably and convincingly communicated the corny, cunning and complex discourse of the crazy characters.

Director John Leopard kept the rapid streams of cascading speech flowing. Both of the one-hour acts quickly floated by before I knew it.

Bart Bauer’s detailed and realistic set lifted the hilarious “The Nerd” to higher heights. Real doorways — including one that doubled as a the entrance to the theater’s restrooms — an authentic looking, fully supplied closet and a believable window with a view gave the intimate Williamston Theatre stage a vast complexity. I felt like I was sitting in the play’s living room.

Exceptional period embellishments — assembled by Michelle Raymond — included a stereo with turntable and cassette player, a late ‘70s-style phone answering machine and extensive decorations and dishware. Masterful sound effects by Quintessa Gallinat were accurate, and each noise seemed to come from its source, including realistic stairway footsteps and out-the-window sounds.

There were also frequent sounds from the audience. Almost continual giggles and loud laughs accompanied the verbal and physical comedy. When the full house wasn’t chuckling, there were still noticeable grins. In a time of serious political and social upheaval, the anything-but-serious “The Nerd” was a joyful escape.

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Goo goos and fudgies

Exploring the unique words, accents of the Midwest

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Edward McClelland took a linguistic tour of the Midwest while doing research for his new book, "How to Speak Midwestern," a delightful romp through the dialects and vocabulary of the region. But it also became a culinary tour. On the menu were quintessential Midwestern treats like Coney dogs, city chicken, pasties, brats and kringles.

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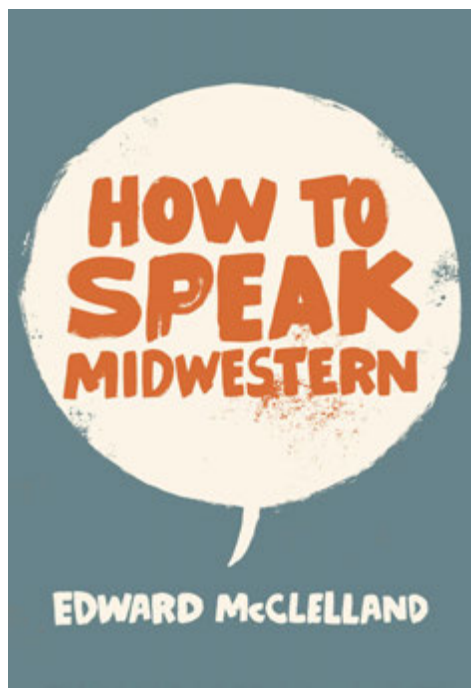
"Michigan is the only place in the Midwest that has what are called Coney dogs," McClelland said, adding that there are regional variations such as "loose" Detroit-style dogs and "tight"

Flint-style versions.

McClelland, who grew up in Lansing and attended Sexton High School, became interested in accents and unique phrases while at the University of Michigan. He remembers a professor describing the phonetic phenomenon known as vowel shift, where some pronounce words like box as "bahx" and can as "cay-en."

Later, McClelland learned about the different accents and unique words floating around the Midwest at the many Chicago taverns that cater to fans and alumni of Big 10 schools. ("Tavern" is common in Chicago, whereas most Michiganders call them "bars.") A popular watering hole for Spartan fans is Chicago's Grand River Bar & Grill.

"I spent a lot of time in Chicago taverns, listening," McClelland said. Spartans will recognize one bar he frequented



Courtesy Photo

"How to Speak Midwestern," by Ted McClelland, explores the linguistic curiosities of the Midwest.

called Grand River Avenue.

One of McClelland's favorite word combos is "Kennywood open" which is used in Pittsburgh to let another person know that their fly is open. It is derived from the name of a local amusement park. (But saying someone's Kennywood is open all the time has an entirely different meaning.) In Michigan schools it was once called "letting the cow out of the barn," or one might warn you to "xyz" — examine your zipper.

And then there are the inevitable derisive words that fall into our regional linguistic patterns. Pittsburgh's name for a nosy person is a "nebshit," and Michiganders are probably familiar with the term "fudgie." "Goo goos," adapted from the phrase good government, is an Illinois word used by Catholics to describe Protestant reformers who want to clean up the city's "machine."

McClelland said that the Upper Peninsula, due to its isolation and Finnish influence, give us with some interesting words like pastie, the region's famous meat pies. The word is sometimes spelled pasty, but it is never pronounced with a long "a" sound.

"Don't make the mistake of calling them 'pay-stee,'" McClelland said.

During the celebration of Michigan's Sesquicentennial in 1987, the sponsors created a T-shirt with two pasties and the phrase "Is it pasty or pastie?" The shirts sold out in minutes.

McClelland also likes yoopers' use of "eh."

"It's a little word that is doing a lot of work for the taciturn people of the Upper Peninsula," he said.

McClelland's analysis of "eh" may be the longest entry in the book's glossary.

"It's known as a tag question, a conversational cue that either confirms a listener's attentiveness or offers his own opinion or information," He writes.

"The most reasonable derivation of 'eh' is it is from the French Canadian word 'hein,' which serves the same purpose," McClelland said.

In the book's introduction, the author

describes the Midwestern tendency of "talking through your nose" and the canonized butchering of foreign names like Detroit, Cairo and Cadieux. McClelland also notes that despite regional dialects, "nobody sings in Michigan accents," citing artists like Iggy Pop.

But McClelland also argues that regional variations are becoming less pronounced. Higher rates of college attendance and increased mobility have caused geographic leveling, so we are starting to sound more like each other. He includes the film " Fargo," which is set in Minnesota, as an example.

"That accent, heavily influenced by Scandinavian inflections, would have been common (...) when the Coen brothers were growing up," McClelland writes. "By the time they returned to film Fargo, 20 years later, the accent they set out to caricature was dead and buried or living in a nursing home."

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Wednesday, November 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Rock Your Mocs: Anishinaabe 101 Workshop. Laid-back discussion of Native experiences. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 241-6852, ow.ly/18Es305wEsZ.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

NaNoWriMo: The Final Countdown. Writers gather to finish novels. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-7014, grandledge.lib.mi.us.

MUSIC

Mannheim Steamroller. Holiday music with pop orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$40. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

EVENTS

CADL Foster Holiday Open House & Reindeer Visit. Live reindeer, crafts and more. 4:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing.

CADL Holt-Delhi Holiday Open House & Reindeer Visit. Live reindeer, live music, crafts and more. 7-9 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt.

Senior Discovery Group. Basics of drafting and registering a property deed. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Allen Market Place — Indoor Season. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/Bol130304VE.

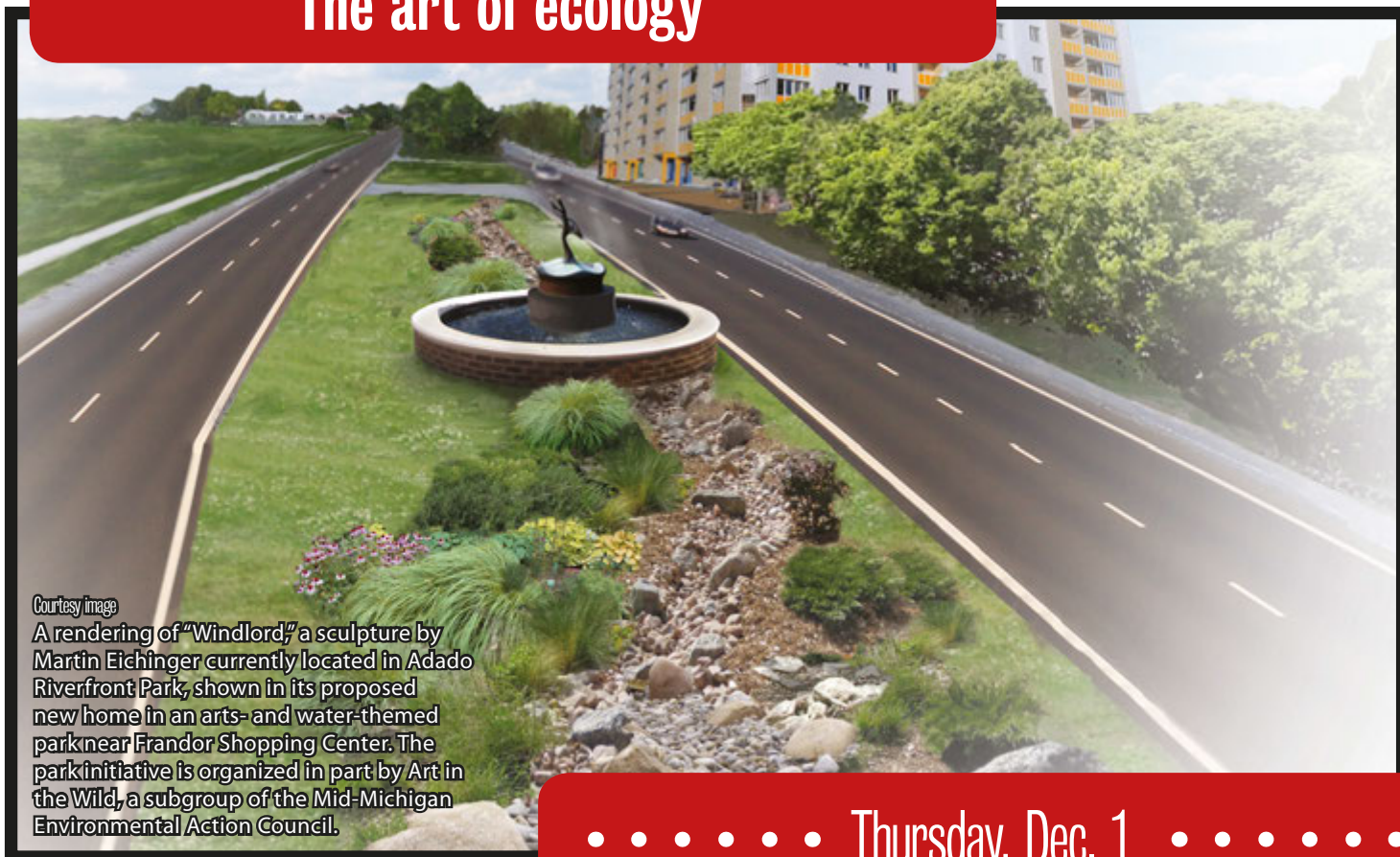
Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

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

After School Action Program. Light meal,

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The art of ecology



Courtesy image

A rendering of "Windlord," a sculpture by Martin Eichinger currently located in Adado Riverfront Park, shown in its proposed new home in an arts- and water-themed park near Frandor Shopping Center. The park initiative is organized in part by Art in the Wild, a subgroup of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Anglers on the Red Cedar River know how to use worms and grubs to lure in their catch. A local nonprofit, however, is hoping to hook prospective environmentalists — and using art as the bait.

"Our first project is to place fine art outdoors in areas of environmental restoration, and to use that attraction to educate people," said Melody Angel, committee chairwoman for Art in the Wild, a subgroup of the Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council. "Our mission is to use art and human imagination to promote environmental awareness in areas of environmental reclamation."

The most important step, Angel explained, is making people aware of local environmental concerns.

"The only way that pollution is going to be altered is if we educate people," she said. "But how do we educate people on water and wetlands? Not everyone is going to take a walk in the swamp."

Art in the Wild aims to mix the natural and the man-made, making undeveloped spaces more accessible to urban dwellers with trails and outdoor art installations.

The group hosts a holiday fundraiser party for the project Thursday at the Broad Art Museum. The evening includes locally-sourced snacks and live entertainment from the Springtails, a folk- and swing-inspired duo comprising

husband and wife Andy and Julianna Wilson. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1920s period clothing or formal wear. Visitors can also enjoy the Broad's first-floor galleries after 6 p.m. This is the third fundraiser the group has held and another is slated for the summer.

The group's first target is Ingham County Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann's ambitious Montgomery Drain project, located near Frandor Shopping Center and including Ranney Park. The group is working with Lindemann to place several large-scale works of art in the area to complement an art-driven restructuring of the drain's service area. The revamped drain system will allow for better filtration of runoff rainwater. Near the art, informational displays will explain how the site reduces water pollutants, as well tips for readers on how to lessen their own contributions to water contamination.

One of the more ambitious art installations involves a wall of fountains that will expel water once it has gone through the new water filtration system. Organizers hope to include 800 sculpted spouts, and for a price, anyone can become part of the art.

"We're going to make it possible for people to have their image in the piece," said Angel. "Using a 3D camera,

an image of their face can be made as a water spout."

Donors who contribute \$3,000 can be included in the wall, but Angel hopes to find ways to include other community members.

Other art projects planned for the site include a series of large murals that will adorn the walls of some of Frandor's biggest buildings.

The first mural, a blown-up version of a work by Michigan woodblock artist Linda Beeman, features a woman on a sunny boating adventure. Planners also hope to construct a 24-foot topiary clock, a garden based on Georges Seurat's "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" painting, solar powered kiosks that play poetry readings, an amphitheater and more.

"The project is going to make a big difference in placemaking here in Mid-Michigan," Angel said. "This is going to be something vibrant that's really going to affect the quality of life in the area. It's an imaginative, crazy way to bring people together in community engagement."

Art in the Wild Holiday Celebration

6-9 p.m. Thursday,
Dec. 1
\$60/\$100 couples
Broad Art Museum
547 E. Circle Drive, East
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Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE
BY RICH TUPICA

ANTHONY RANERI OF BAYSIDE AT MAC'S BAR

Sunday, Dec. 4 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$13.50, 6:30 p.m.



SUN. DEC. 4TH

Anthony Raneri

Anthony Raneri has spent the last 16 years as the lead singer and songwriter for Bayside, a New York-based emo-punk band. In that time, the group released seven records, including 2014's "Cult," which reached No. 24 on the U.S. Billboard charts. In 2012, Raneri launched a solo project with the release of his "New Cathedrals" LP. In his bio, Raneri reassures Bayside fans that his stripped-down solo project — which stops Sunday at Mac's Bar — is secondary to the band. "Bayside is not only still a band but will always be my priority," he said. "Bayside has time off between tours and releases and I don't like to have time off — so doing solo tours and writing more music lets me constantly play music without having to take breaks." Opening the show at Mac's Bar are Chris Freeman (of Hot Mulligan) and Midwest Skies.

GOth NIGHT AT THE AVENUE CAFE

Friday, Dec. 2 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 21+, \$3, 9 p.m.



FRI. DEC. 2ND

Where the Embers Fall

Leather and Lace, the monthly Goth night at The Avenue Café, returns Friday for its 17th installment. The shadowy evening offers a danceable mix of industrial, Goth, '80s new wave and dark electro classics. Its organizers call it "Lansing's only haven for eternal darkness" and note that "Goth attire is encouraged." This month's guest DJs include Kevin J and Jennifer Lynn of Where the Embers Fall, a Battle Creek-based darkwave duo that formed in 2004. The evening is hosted by Alison Colby and Jay Dnihil. As always, the Avenue Café's bartenders will serve a variety of absinthes, Michigan microbrews and other cocktails, and the vegan-friendly kitchen is open until 11 p.m.

CATHIE RYAN AT TEN POUND FIDDLE

Friday, December 9 @ MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing, \$20/\$18 members/\$5 students, 7:30 p.m.



FRI. DEC. 9TH

Cathie Ryan

Detroit native Cathie Ryan brings her holiday concert, "A Winter's Heart: An Irish American Christmas," to the Ten Pound Fiddle Friday. The show, held at the MSU Community Music School, offers everything from "ethereal hymns to exuberant jigs and reels," as well as a "wealth of Irish Christmas traditions and stories." Along with Ryan's vocals, the evening of music will also feature Patsy O'Brien (guitar and vocals), Patrick Mangan (fiddle and vocals) and Kieran O'Hare on uilleann pipes, flute and whistles. Ryan launched her folk career in 1987 as lead singer of Cherish the Ladies, an internationally touring all-female Celtic music group. In the mid-'90s she went solo. She has earned rave reviews for her solo work from outlets like the New York Daily News, which said Ryan is "firmly in the upper echelons of Irish music singers."

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Student Night	Goth Night, 9 p.m.	Standing Rock Fundraiser, 8 p.m.
Black Cat, 115 Albert Ave.				Rob K., 8 p.m.
Buddies - Okemos, 1937 W Grand River Ave			Steve Cowles, 7:30 p.m.	
Classic Bar & Grill, 16219 Old US 27			Lee Groove, 9 p.m.	
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.		Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Good Question, 9 p.m.	Jammin' DJ, 8 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd		Open Mic, 9 p.m.	Showdown, 9 p.m.	Showdown, 9 p.m.
Crafty Palate, 333 S. Washington Square		Team Trivia, 7 p.m.		
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Arbor Brewing Sour Event, 6 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Darb's Tavern, 117 S. Cedar St.				The Tenants, 9 p.m.
Eaton Rapids Craft Co., 204 N Main St.		Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.	Rush Clement, 6 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, 8 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Gallery Brewery, 142 Kent St.		Open Mic, 7 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.	Stagetime, 7:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.		
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.,			Chris Laskos, 5:30 p.m.	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Everyday Junior, 8:30 p.m.	Young Pioneer & Vandal Ay, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Crowd Cntrl, 8 p.m.	Lights, Camera, Action, 9 p.m.	Krissy Booth, 8 p.m.	
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Lincoln County Process, 9 p.m.	Further Adv. of Fat Boy & Jive Turkey, 9 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road			Oxymorons, 8 p.m.	
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27			Bobby Standall, 8 p.m.	
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.			Lisa B. & the Backbeats, 8 p.m.	
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.		Blessid Union of Souls, 8:15 p.m.	David Shelby, 8:15 p.m.	David Shelby, 8:15 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Time to Play, 9 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Blues, 6 p.m.	Oxymorons, 8 p.m.	Craig Hendershott, 6 p.m.	

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tutoring and activities. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing. **After School Teen Program.** For teens in grades 7-12. 2:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Mindfulness. Meditation for beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 420-5820, ow.ly/CIHU305nMqx.

Thursday, December 1

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.

(TOPS) Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. Room 207, Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

A Course in Miracles. Four-week workshop on peace and forgiveness. 7-9 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Road, Lansing. (517) 371-3010, unitylansing.org.

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

Lansing Reiki Share. Practitioners and newcomers welcome. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3, Lansing. (517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.

Preschool Science Explorations: All about Squirrels. Science and nature activities. 1-2:30 p.m. \$4. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Thursday Book Group. New members always welcome. 1-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5185.

DEC. 1-4 >> 'CARNIVAL OF THE ABSURD' MSU FRESHMAN SHOWCASE

Some of the newest members of the local theater community are wrapping up their first semester of university training, and they're ready to show the community what they've got. The MSU Department of Theatre shows off its latest batch of students in its 10th annual freshman showcase, "Carnival of the Absurd." Freshman actors and designers present a kaleidoscopic show of absurdist scenes and monologues that promise to "resist conventions and ask the audience to think in revolutionary ways." A post-show discussion follows Thursday's performance, and a director's talk precedes the Sunday performance. 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$13/\$11 seniors and faculty/\$10 students. Arena Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, theatre.msu.edu.

Book Signing with Linda Hundt. Sweetie-licious Bakery owner shares story and cookbook. 6:30-8 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. ow.ly/4eFi306ehfX.

music.msu.edu/event-listing.

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.

Christmas Music with Catbird Seat. Christmas favorites on dulcimer, flute and guitar. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Webberville, 115 S. Main St.,

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EVENTS

Mid-MEAC Holiday Celebration. Fundraiser for Art in the Wild project. 6-9 p.m. \$60/\$100 couples. Broad Art Museum, 541 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. artinthewild.org.

Decorate a Gingerbread House. Children under 6 require adult helper. Call to register. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324, cadl.org.

12-Step Meeting. AA/NA/CA all welcome. In room 209. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.

AromaTouch Hand Massages. Aromatherapy hand massage. Reserve a spot. 9-10:30 a.m. \$18/\$15 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. meridianseniorcenter@gmail.com.
Capital Area Audubon Society. Local birder and biologist shares photography. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave. Lansing. (517) 483-4224.

Crafting with a Cause. Creating items to benefit the Grand Ledge Food Bank. 4-5:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-7014, grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Give-A-Kid-A-Christmas Collection. Bring in

an unwrapped gift to the library by Dec. 9. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Capital Area District Libraries Holt-Delhi Branch, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt.

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

Lean In Lead Up. First meeting of group for women in decision-making roles. Register online. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Biggby Coffee, 8741 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. ow.ly/mfFb306hflL.

Mason Codependents Anonymous. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Mason First Church of the Nazarene, 415 E. Maple St., Mason.

ARTS

Be Beauty Open Mic. Dance, music, poetry and world traditions are welcome to the stage. 7-8:30 p.m. \$5. The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Lansing. lapuenta.com.

THEATER

Carnival of the Absurd. MSU freshmen showcase. 7:30 p.m. \$13. Arena Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, theatre.msu.edu.

Friday, December 2

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3

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FRIDAY, DEC. 2 >> ARTS NIGHT OUT

Arts Night Out returns to downtown East Lansing this week. The monthly traveling art festival features Michigan artists and musicians, turning local businesses into pop-up galleries and performance spaces. This month, at least nine organizations are participating, including the Broad Museum, which highlights Detroit-based sound installation artist VNESSWOLFCHILD, Saper Galleries, which hosts impressionist landscape painter Michael Callihan, and Grove Gallery and Studios, which presents Deb Fehrenbach's annual jewelry trunk show. 5-8 p.m. FREE. Downtown East Lansing. myartsnightout.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2 >> CANADIAN BRASS HOLIDAY AT WHARTON CENTER

Award-winning brass quintet Canadian Brass presents a lively evening of seasonal favorites at the Wharton Center Friday. The group, founded in Toronto in 1970, has toured internationally, sprinkling its shows with light-hearted banter — and in this case, holiday cheer. The show is preceded by a 7:15 p.m. Insight Preview in the Grand Tier Lobby. 8 p.m. Tickets from \$13.50. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): "I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow," wrote naturalist Henry David Thoreau in Walden, "to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines." I'd love to see you summon that level of commitment to your important rendezvous in the coming weeks, Aries. Please keep in mind, though, that your "most important rendezvous" are more likely to be with wild things, unruly wisdom, or primal breakthroughs than with pillars of stability, committee meetings, and business-as-usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): For you Tauruses, December is "I Accept and Love and Celebrate Myself Exactly How I Am Right Now" Month. To galvanize yourself, play around with this declaration by Oscar-winning Taurus actress Audrey Hepburn: "I'm a long way from the human being I'd like to be, but I've decided I'm not so bad after all." Here are other thoughts to draw on during the festivities: 1. "If you aren't good at loving yourself, you will have a difficult time loving anyone." - Barbara De Angelis. 2. "The hardest challenge is to be yourself in a world where everyone is trying to make you be somebody else." - E. E. Cummings. 3. "To accept ourselves as we are means to value our imperfections as much as our perfections." - Sandra Bierig. 4. "We cannot change anything until we accept it." - Carl Jung.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Are your collaborative projects (including the romantic kind) evolving at a slower pace than you expected? Have they not grown as deep and strong as you've wished they would? If so, I hope you're perturbed about it. Maybe that will motivate you to stop tolerating the stagnation. Here's my recommendation: Don't adopt a more serious and intense attitude. Instead, get loose and frisky. Inject a dose of blithe spirits into your togetherness, maybe even some high jinks and rowdy experimentation. The cosmos has authorized you to initiate ingenious surprises.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I don't recommend that you buy a cat-o'-nine-tails and whip yourself in a misguided effort to exorcise your demons. The truth is, those insidious troublemakers exult when you abuse yourself. They draw perverse sustenance from it. In fact, their strategy is to fool you into treating yourself badly. So, no. If you hope to drive away the saboteurs huddled in the sacred temple of your psyche, your best bet is to shower yourself with tender care, even luxurious blessings. The pests won't like that, and — if you commit to this crusade for an extended time — they will eventually flee.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Nobel Prize-winning novelist Gabriel García Márquez loved yellow roses. He often had a fresh bloom on his writing desk as he worked, placed there every morning by his wife Mercedes Barcha. In accordance with the astrological omens, I invite you to consider initiating a comparable ritual. Is there a touch of beauty you would like to inspire you on a regular basis? Is there a poetic gesture you could faithfully perform for a person you love?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): "For a year I watched as something entered and then left my body," testified Jane Hirshfield in her poem "The Envoy." What was that mysterious something? Terror or happiness? She didn't know. Nor could she decipher "how it came in" or "how it went out." It hovered "where words could not reach it. It slept where light could not go." Her experience led her to conclude that "There are openings in our lives of which we know nothing." I bring this meditation to your attention, Virgo, because I suspect you are about to tune in to a mysterious opening. But unlike Hirshfield, I think you'll figure out what it is. And then you will respond to it with verve and intelligence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A reporter at the magazine Vanity Fair asked David Bowie, "What do you consider your greatest achievement?" Bowie didn't name any of his albums, videos, or performances.

Rather, he answered, "Discovering morning." I suspect that you Libras will attract and generate marvels if you experiment with accomplishments like that in the coming weeks. So yes, try to discover or rediscover morning. Delve into the thrills of beginnings. Magnify your appreciation for natural wonders that you usually take for granted. Be seduced by sources that emanate light and heat. Gravitate toward what's fresh, blossoming, just-in-its-early-stages.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): According to traditional astrology, you Scorpios are not prone to optimism. You're more often portrayed as connoisseurs of smoldering enigmas and shadowy intrigue and deep questions. But one of the most creative and successful Scorpios of the 20th century did not completely fit this description. French artist Claude Monet was renowned for his delightful paintings of sensuous outdoor landscapes. "Every day I discover even more beautiful things," he testified. "It is intoxicating me, and I want to paint it all. My head is bursting." Monet is your patron saint in the coming weeks. You will have more potential to see as he did than you've had in a long time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A journalist dared composer John Cage to "summarize himself in a nutshell." Cage said, "Get yourself out of whatever cage you find yourself in." He might have added, "Avoid the nutshells that anyone tries to put you in." This is always fun work to attend to, of course, but I especially recommend it to you Sagittarians right now. You're in the time of year that's close to the moment when you first barged out of your mom's womb, where you had been housed for months. The coming weeks will be an excellent phase to attempt a similar if somewhat less extravagant trick.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Hundreds of years ago, the Catholic Church's observance of Lent imposed a heavy burden. During this six-week period, extending from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, believers were expected to cleanse their sins through acts of self-denial. For example, they weren't supposed to eat meat on Fridays. Their menus could include fish, however. And this loophole was expanded even further in the 17th century when the Church redefined beavers as being fish. (They swim well, after all.) I'm in favor of you contemplating a new loophole in regard to your own self-limiting behaviors, Capricorn. Is there a taboo you observe that no longer makes perfect sense? Out of habit, do you deny yourself a pleasure or indulgence that might actually be good for you? Wriggle free of the constraints.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "The Pacific Ocean was overflowing the borders of the map," wrote Pablo Neruda in his poem "The Sea." "There was no place to put it," he continued. "It was so large, wild and blue that it didn't fit anywhere. That's why it was left in front of my window." This passage is a lyrical approximation of what your life could be like in 2017. In other words, lavish, elemental, expansive experiences will be steadily available to you. Adventures that may have seemed impossibly big and unwieldy in the past will be just the right size. And it all begins soon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "I have a deep fear of being too much," writes poet Michelle K. "That one day I will find my someone, and they will realize that I am a hurricane. That they will step back and be intimidated by my muchness." Given the recent astrological omens, Pisces, I wouldn't be shocked if you've been having similar feelings. But now here's the good news: Given the astrological omens of the next nine months, I suspect the odds will be higher than usual that you'll encounter brave souls who'll be able to handle your muchness. They may or may not be soulmates or your one-and-only. I suggest you welcome them as they are, with all of their muchness.

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members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

French Playtime. Playgroup ages 1-6 encouraging French language education. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FREE. Aux Petits Soins, 1824 E. Michigan Ave. Suite F, Lansing. (517) 999-7277, apsfrenchclass.com.

MUSIC

Canadian Brass Holiday. Lively evening of seasonal favorites. 8 p.m. Tickets from \$13.50. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com.

THEATER

A Christmas Carol. Musical version of classic holiday tale. 7 p.m. \$12-17. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. (269) 262-1943, andromedaplayers.org.

Princess Who Saved Herself. Family play about a clever young heroine. 7 p.m. \$7/\$5 kids. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

Carnival of the Absurd. MSU freshmen showcase. 8 p.m. \$13. Arena Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, theatre.msu.edu.

EVENTS

Video Game Night (Ages 8-18). Ages 8-18 game together. Call to register. 5-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351.

Back to the Moon for Good. Show on space exploration. 8-9 p.m. \$3-4. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672. ow.ly/SOuP304fb2G.

Craft Sale. Two day sale. 4-9 p.m. Inner Ascended Masters Ministry, 5705 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 455-3902, ow.ly/5NQr306AHxz.

MSU Community Club Holiday Reception. With performance by the Earl Nelson Singers. 1-3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-3944.

ARTS

Arts Night Out. Monthly arts event. 5-8 p.m. Downtown East Lansing. myartsnightout.org.

Deb Fehrenbach Jewelry Trunk Show. Weekend sale of dressy and casual unique jewelry. 5:30-9 p.m. FREE. Grove Gallery and Studios, 325 Grove St., East Lansing. (517) 282-4930, grovegalleryandstudios.com.

Saturday, December 3

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

French Club for Kids. Activity group for ages 6-12, encouraging French language use. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Aux Petits Soins, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Suite F Lansing. (517) 999-7277, apsfrenchclass.com.

Reiki Level One Workshop. First step on path to using healing energy technique. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$50. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3 Lansing. (517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.

French Playtime. Playgroup ages 1-6 encouraging French language education. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FREE. Aux Petits Soins, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Suite F, Lansing. (517) 999-7277, apsfrenchclass.com.

CoderDojo! Ages 7-17 learn coding basics. Call to register. 2-3:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Evergreen Haiku Study Group. 1-3 p.m. Snyder/Phillips Hall, The intersection between Grand River Ave. and Bogue St., on MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-1855.

MUSIC

Capital City Ringers: Ringing in an Open Sleigh. Holiday handbell concert. 7-9 p.m. Donations welcome. First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. (517) 321-3221, capitalcityringers.com/events.html

THEATER

A Christmas Carol. Musical version of classic holiday tale. 2 p.m. \$12-17. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. (269) 262-1943, andromedaplayers.org.

Freakshow Film Festival. 9 p.m. FREE. Windwalker Gallery, 125 S. Cochran, Charlotte. ow.ly/

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DEC. 2-3 >> 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL: THE MUSICAL' AT ANDROMEDA COMMUNITY THEATRE

Charlotte's community theater troupe presents a Broadway take on the Charles Dickens classic. Directed by Sarah Shoemaker, this production brings together a cast of over 40 local actors and performers to tell the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his visits from the ghosts of Christmas. 7 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Advance tickets: \$16/\$12 students/\$14 seniors; all tickets \$17 at the door. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. (269) 262-1943, andromedaplayers.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2 >> 'PARALLELS: THE ART OF PAUL VETNE AND BEN GOOD' OPENING RECEPTION

When a surgery left Paul "Mexone" Vetne blind in one eye for three months, the Lansing-based tattoo and mixed media artist did not abandon his work — rather, he found a new way of seeing. The art he created during this time is featured in a gallery opening Friday at Lansing Mall art gallery Keys to Creativity. Joining Vetne is artist Ben Good, who graduated from southwest Michigan's Andrews University with Vetne. Good presents a collection of solo and collaborative illustrations. For the opening reception, sound artist Leslie Rollins, also known as 337, creates improvised electronic music. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Keys to Creativity, Lansing Mall, 5746 W. Saginaw Highway. (517) 657-2700, keystocreativity.net.

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Princess Who Saved Herself. Family play about a clever young heroine. 7 p.m. \$7/\$5 kids. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

Carnival of the Absurd. MSU freshmen showcase. 2 and 8 p.m. \$13. Arena Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, theatre.msu.edu.

EVENTS

All Saints Alternative Christmas Mart. Two day sale with fair trade and local goods. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 927-7435, allsaints-el.org.

Decorate a Gingerbread House. For ages 4 and up. Ages 8-12 make mini gingerbread house. Call to register. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. CADL Dansville 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville.

Decorate a Gingerbread House. For ages 2-16. Call or register online. 3-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Mason, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-9088. cadl.org.

Sunset Clay Studio Holiday Art Market. Local artists sell sculpture, jewelry and more. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Sunset Clay Studio, 1820 Sunset Ave., Suite 203, Lansing. (517) 282-9850, facebook.com/sunsetclaystudio.

Holiday Hullabaloo. Over 30 artists sell work of all prices, with desserts. Noon-5 p.m. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600. micagallery.org.

Decorate a Gingerbread House. For ages 4 and up. Ages 8-12 make mini gingerbread house. Call to register. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville.

Downtown DeWitt Christmas Market. With Santa visits, carriage rides, light parade and tree lighting. 2-7 p.m. FREE. Downtown DeWitt, East Main Street, Dewitt. (517) 624-0285, ow.ly/X40L305nB8l.

Free Public Tours. At Visitor Services just before tour. 1 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus East Lansing.

Minecraft Game Night. Ages 8-15 game together. Call to register. 6-7 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Spartan Young Astronomers Club. Ages 8-12 explore astronomy through planetarium shows and activities. 10 a.m.-noon \$3. Memberships available.. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road East Lansing. (517) 355-4676.

ARTS

Opening Reception: Art of David Annis. Photography from Okemos-based artist. 1-3 p.m. FREE. Wheatons Framing and Art Gallery, 427 S. Jefferson St., Mason. linelightcolor.com.

Sale at the Studio. Two-day functional pottery sale. 11-4 a.m. Jon Whitney Pottery, 3642 W. Kipp Road Mason. (517) 676-0476, facebook.com/jonwhitneypottery.

Sunday, December 4

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Capital Conference. Update on local and state medical marijuana law changes. 1-5 p.m. \$75. Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol, 111 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 828-0218, ow.ly/w9bk306oWJA.

Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W. Lawrence, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138, charlottesyoga.net

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE.

Orchard Street Pumpouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing. (517) 485-9190.

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

MUSIC

Capital City Ringers: Ringing in an Open Sleigh. Holiday handbell concert. 4-6 p.m.

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Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Believe It"—or not.
Matt Jones

Across

1 Sushi fish also called yellowtail

4 Amount a cab driver gives to you

8 "___ O'Riley" ("CSI: Miami" theme song)

12 Participated in racewalking

13 Like a serrano pepper, compared to a poblano

15 Olmert who preceded Ariel Sharon as Prime Minister of Israel

16 Mitsubishi off-road three-wheeler, for example

17 Exact quote from Gordon Gekko in "Wall Street"

19 Catchphrase spoken verbatim on the original "Star Trek" series

21 "La ___ Bonita" (U.S. #1 hit for Madonna)

22 ___ & Literacy (brown category in Trivial Pursuit)

23 Army service call used by Al Pacino in all of his movies (not just "Scent of a Woman")

25 Used an old phrase

27 "Winnie-the-Pooh" marsupial parent

29 202.5 deg. on the compass

30 Conjunction that's spelled with a backslash

31 "Better Call ___" (spin-off sequel to "Breaking Bad")

33 Creatures proven to be found at Area 51, for short

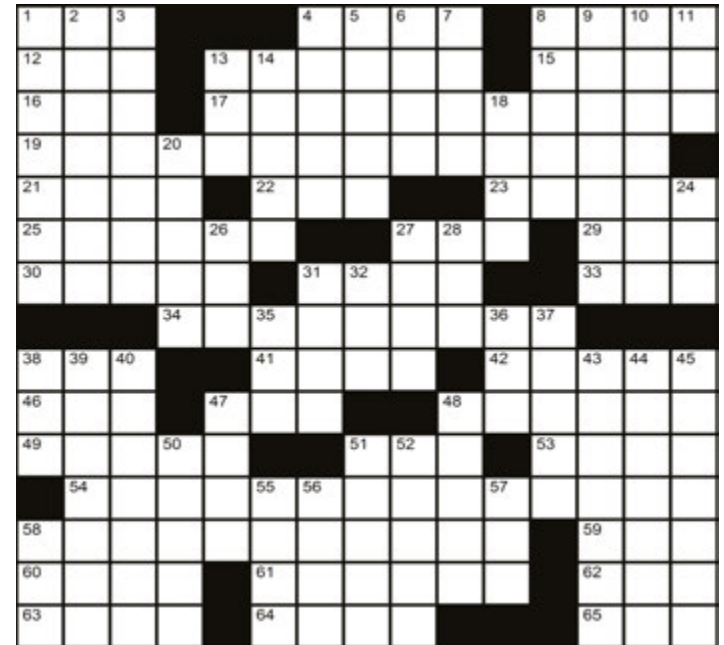
34 Process scrupulously utilized by all news outlets (which I obviously didn't do with a single clue in this puzzle)

38 Abbr. from the Latin for "and many more"

41 Drink produced by the real-life brand Heisler

42 Nobel Peace ___ (award given in Stockholm)

46 Hundred Years' ___ (which lasted less than 100 years)



47 Suffix meaning "doctrine" which is not a valid Scrabble word by itself

48 One of the original Three Musketeers, along with D'Artagnan

49 Beginning-of-term activities

51 Meat ___ ("Aqua Teen Hunger Force" character with three teeth)

53 RNs report to them

54 Famous Greta Garbo line from "Grand Hotel"

58 Idiom taken directly from Shakespeare's "King John"

59 ___ Tin Tin (movie German shepherd originally played by a female)

60 Universal plasma donor's blood type, for short

61 Shout of the recently incarcerated

62 Tic-___-Dough (pencil and paper game)

63 Shrek in the movie series, but not in the original William Steig book

64 Did 100 kph in a 70 mph zone, e.g.

65 Opposite direction from 29-Across

66 ___ (award given in Stockholm)

67 ___ (which lasted less than 100 years)

68 ___ (award given in Stockholm)

more caffeine than its counterpart

2 Venerates, slangily

3 Like an unexpired coupon

4 Flower, south of the Pyrenees

5 Bungling

6 Semillon and Riesling, for two

7 Speaker of the first line of the first episode of "South Park"

8 "Ain't Too Proud, ___ Differ" (Temptations hit)

9 What an Australian weatherman may say "it's gonna be" on an August day

10 Like boulders

11 Use the minus button

13 "Citizen Kane" studio

14 "___ the news today, oh no" (Beatles lyric)

18 Neighborhood in London's East End

20 Time ___ the Year (selection made since the magazine's inception)

24 "___ Like the Wind" ("Dirty Dancing" song)

26 Phanerozoic, for one

27 West-side tributary of the Rhine

28 Cheer for a pescador

31 Boat part furthest away from the bow

32 Card played last in a

winning game of Klondike solitaire

35 "Santa Barbara" ainer, once

36 Three-word EMT skill, for short

37 Jazz artist Diana who married Elvis Presley

38 Bo Sheep in "U.S. Acres," for one

39 Airplane activity that takes place in the air

40 Night ___ ("X-Men" character aka Hank McCoy)

43 Toyotas and Subarus, in Japan

44 Flowers that repel hummingbirds

45 Sister magazine of Ebony

47 Lives and breathes

48 Singer of the "Spectre" theme song

50 Palmolive spokes-person played by three different actresses

51 Tom whose second novel was "The Bonfire of the Vanities"

52 "... It's ___! It's Superman!"

55 "Analyze ___" (2002 sequel)

56 Permanent worker

57 Negative vote

58 Nickelodeon's trademark slime

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 >> PHIL DENNY & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS COLLECTIVE

Lansing-based saxophonist Phil Denny assembles an all-star smooth jazz lineup for an evening of jazzy holiday hits. This year's guests include vocalist Selina Albright, guitarist David P. Stevens and sax man Danny Kusz, as well as local youth artists Kanin Thelen of DeWitt and Joseph Washington of Holt. Flutist Brandon Marceal opens the show, and an afterglow party at Troppo featuring DJ Radd 1 follows the concert. 7:30 p.m. \$25-40. Pattengill Auditorium, 626 Marshall St., Lansing. facebook.com/annualpdcc.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 >> NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET

The Nokomis Native American Learning Center seeks to educate while also providing a unique shopping experience Saturday. The center, which seeks to preserve and present Anishinaabe culture, holds an arts and crafts market featuring handmade goods. Items for sale include porcupine quill baskets, jewelry, blankets, children's goodies and more. During the event, admission to the center's gallery and museum is free. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. FREE. Nokomis Native American Learning Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Haslett. (517) 349-5777, nokomis.org.

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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.

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Donations welcome. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3383 Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. (517) 321-3221, capitalcityringers.com/events.html.

MSU Faculty Recital: Yuri Gandelsman, viola. 3 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Cook Recital Hall, 333 West Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu/event-listing.

MSU Wind Symphony and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony. 3 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Wharton Center, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340.

THEATER

Princess Who Saved Herself. Family play about a clever young heroine. 2 p.m. \$7/\$5 kids. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

EVENTS

Free Public Tours. Meet at Visitor Services just before tour. 1 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing.

Drop-in DIY Holiday Gifts & Crafts. Make etched glass designs, cookie cutters and more. 1-4 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Nutcracker & Holiday Treats Dance Performance. Abridged version of classic ballet. 1-2 p.m. FREE. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing. (517) 371-4600, micagallery.org.

Human Rights Day 2016. Humphrey Scholars speak on human rights in their home countries.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4 >> LANSING CONCERT BAND'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CONCERT

For its 71st annual holiday concert, the Lansing Concert Band is teaming up with the Steiner Chorale for a diverse program of seasonal classics. The chorus was founded in 1968 by William Steiner, a former East Lansing High School choral director. The two groups perform together, and the audience is invited to sing along on a few jolly selections. 3 p.m. \$13/\$5.50 students/children FREE. Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte. (517) 541-5690, charlotteperformingartscenter.com.

3:45-6 p.m. FREE. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 896-2850, gluna.org.

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

One World One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure.

Big Bird and Elmo take imaginary trip to the moon. 2:30-3:30 p.m. \$3-4. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672, ow.ly/2VGI304fahD.

ARTS

Homemade Holiday Gifts. True Colors of an Unlimited Palette art series. Call to register. 2-4 p.m. \$15. Studio Retreat and Art Gallery, 316 N. Clinton Ave., St. Johns. (517) 381-1410, disabilitiesministries.org.

Monday, December 5

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3 members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

A Course in Love. Weekly group dedicated to the study of the spiritual psychology. 1-2 p.m. Unity

Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes Road, Lansing. (517) 371-3010.

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

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

MUSIC

MSU Faculty Recital: Panayis Lyras, piano. 7:30 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/students FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, music.msu.edu/event-listing.

EVENTS

After School Action Program. Light meal, tutoring and activities. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing.

After School Teen Program. For teens in grades 7-12. 2:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

CADL Aurelius Holiday Open House & Reindeer Visit. Live reindeer, Santa, crafts and book sale. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Aurelius, 1939

S. Aurelius Road, Mason.
2017 Lansing Derby Vixens Recruitment Boot Camp 1. Required for joining derby team. 9-11 a.m. \$15. YMCA, 3700 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. lansingderbyvixens.com.

CADL Leslie Holiday Open House & Reindeer Visit. Live reindeer, harp music and refreshments. 3-7 p.m. FREE. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie. (517) 589-9400.

Cards Against Humanity Tournament. Earn discounts for winning black cards. 7-10 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631, ow.ly/10wp30116Sf.

Coffee and Visit with Andy. Community coffee hour with State Rep. Andy Schor. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Letts Community Center, 1220 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 373-0826, schor.housedems.com.

Hour of Code. Ages 8-14 learn basics of coding. 4-5 p.m. FREE. CADL Williamston, 201 School St., Williamston. (517) 655-1191.

Social Bridge. Come 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, December 6

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

French Playtime. Playgroup ages 1-6 encouraging French language education. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FREE. Aux Petits Soins, 1824 E. Michigan Ave. Suite F, Lansing. (517) 999-7277, apsfrenchclass.com.

Bible and Beer Study. 6 p.m. Buy your own beer. Kelly's Downtown, 220 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All experience levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. \$3. Gier Community Center, 2400 Hall St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

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Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-2697, 639.toastmastersclubs.org.

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

Course in Miracles. Very relaxed, kind and happy group. 7 p.m. FREE. Call for location, (517) 482-1908.

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

Introduction to Zentangle. Demo on meditative drawing. Call or register online. 6-8 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. ow.ly/e2vz306egpj.

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

Ovreaters Anonymous. You are not alone. Get support in your weight loss. 7 p.m. FREE. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 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 Bldg., 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

Starting a Business. Workshop on businesses. Call or register online. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

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

MUSIC

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

EVENTS

12-Step Meeting. AA/NA/CA all welcome. In room

209. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.

After School Action Program. Light meal, tutoring and activities. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Eastside Community Action Center, 1001 Dakin St., Lansing.

Drop-in Holiday Crafts & Activities. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie.

Angel Remembrance Service. Introspective service honoring deceased loved ones. 7-8:30 p.m. Donations welcome. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes St., Lansing. unitylansing.org.

LCC West Toastmasters. Public speaking group. 5-6:30 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-1314, lccwest.toastmastersclubs.org.

Mid-day Movies. "War Dogs" (R). 2-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Rat Pack Tuesday. \$5 classic cocktails and Frank Sinatra party. 4-11 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631, ow.ly/5d31305pMUM.

Son of Saul. Screening and discussion of film set in Auschwitz. 7-9 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. ow.ly/Mgty306oWqx.

Wednesday, December 07

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Gentle Yoga. Relaxing pace class suitable for beginners. 11 a.m.-noon. First class FREE/\$5/\$3 members. Williamston High School, 3939 Vanneter Road, Williamston.

French Playtime. Playgroup ages 1-6 encouraging French language education. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. FREE. Aux Petits Soins, 1824 E. Michigan Ave. Suite F, Lansing. (517) 999-7277, apsfrenchclass.com.

EVENTS

Allen Market Place — Indoor Season. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/Bol130304VE.

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

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

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After School Teen Program. For teens in grades 7-12. 2:30-5:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Mindfulness. Meditation for beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Van Hanh Temple, 3015 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 420-5820, ow.ly/CIHU305nMqx.

ESOL Reading Group. Adults learning English practice by reading aloud. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Okemos, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos.

Family Storytime. Ages 6 and under enjoy stories, songs and activities. 11:15 a.m.-noon. FREE. CADL Webberville, 115 S. Main St., Webberville.

Haslett Friends' Book Basket Silent Auction. Bidding opens on gift baskets through Dec. 12. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

Senior Discovery Group. Jane Reiter demos holiday card crafting. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.



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RED'S SMOKEHOUSE BURGERS & BBQ / WHITE BROS MUSIC

Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Red's Smokehouse Burgers & BBQ is in the process of renovating a space at 1619 E. Kalamazoo St. into a full-service restaurant. The new eatery is expected to open by next spring.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

On Saturday, Carol "Red" Smith and her wife/business partner Jackie Randall closed their two-year-old barbecue booth inside Lansing City Market to prepare for its transition to a standalone restaurant. When it opens in early 2017, the newly renamed **Red's Smokehouse Burgers & BBQ** will continue the evolution of Smith and Randall's business, which had its beginning just a few feet from its future home.

In June 2014, Smith and Randall launched Red's Smokehouse as a Wednesday-only pop-up barbecue stand at the Allen Market Place's farmers market in Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood. Then in September, they moved into the Lansing City Market, where they built a following around their bacon-wrapped pork loin, brisket tacos and macaroni-and-cheese balls. A spin-off food truck followed earlier this year, starting on the city's south side and eventually landing in the newly formed Old Town Food Truck Court, 536 E. Grand River Ave.

"It's been a slow process, but every move we've made has been deliberate," Smith said. "It's like barbecue — you can't rush something good."

Since the closing of their City Market space, the duo has been busy transforming a 1,200-square-foot space on the same block as Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., into a full-fledged restaurant.

"It's a former office space and has been empty for a while, so there's a lot of work to do," Smith said. "It has an industrial feel to it that I really like. And it's going to fit in with the personality of the neighborhood, which is very important to me."

Besides the big move, Smith recently pulled the trigger on the business'

new website, redsbbqmi.com. She said Red's Smokehouse Burgers & BBQ will have a "state-of-the-art" kitchen, a small dining area, a deli and a take-out counter. The build-out will cost about \$80,000, and Smith has turned to crowdsourcing to secure at least half of that. Through an Indiegogo campaign launched this week, she's hoping to raise \$40,000, with rewards ranging from a free order of mac-and-cheese balls to a catered party for up to 100 people.

"The community has been so supportive of us from the beginning," Smith said. "This is a way for them to be part of our journey."

The expansion will also allow Smith and Randall to expand their hours; Red's expects to be open from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, with a Sunday brunch from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

"We never did dinners at Lansing City Market, so this is a new territory for us," Smith said. "It's exciting to see what that's going to be like."

As a way of paying tribute to her roots as a pop-up, Smith said she will welcome new vendors into her kitchen to help them launch their own pop-up endeavors. She's not pursuing a liquor license — although she said the building's owner is reaching out to local brewers looking to open a craft brewery on-site — but she hopes her cooking will speak for itself.

"Anyone can do barbecue," she said. "It's pretty common, but I use a little artistic flair to tweak traditional recipes. I take a couple extra steps and do things with spices and smoking that no one else is doing locally. And people are discovering us, slowly but surely. Hopefully this move will allow us to reach an even wider crowd."

White Christmas

For most retail stores, Black Friday

was a single deep-discount day to lure new customers in the doors. But **White Bros Music** will keep giving deals of nearly half off select merchandise through the end of the month as a way to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

"It's just my way of showing my appreciation to all the people who supported us over the years," said owner William White. "The combination of the '08 crash and (moving) out of Okemos did a lot to hurt business, but a lot of loyal customers stayed with us. I can't thank them enough."

Two years ago, White was evicted from his longtime Okemos location near the corner of Okemos and Hamilton roads when Douglas J Aveda Institute expressed interest in redeveloping that area. That deal has since fallen through, and White's old building — as well as his former restaurant, the **Travelers Club International Restaurant & Tuba Museum** — now sit empty.

"I moved the business to Bath so I could walk to work," White said. "There are only six other stores downtown now, and I'm doing my part to help the city get going again. And I'm also looking to reopen the Tuba Museum somewhere, maybe in Old Town."

White co-founded White Bros Music as a violin restoration shop in 1976 with his brother, Richard White. William White bought his brother out after 10 years and expanded services to include music lessons and retail instrument sales and repair, including stringed instruments, band instruments and electric pianos. He recently restored a Hungarian cimbalom that was sold to the Royal Shakespeare Co., where it was played at William Shakespeare's graveside as part of a memorial service. White also runs an apprentice program teaching instrument repair.

"I'd like to pass the business along someday to one of (my apprentices), but no one's showed interest," White said. "Some have gone on to open their own businesses. If I can't find anyone, I'll probably just putter around until I'm too old to do anything."

White Bros Music is offering 40 percent discounts on select merchandise all month and giving away 40 \$10 gift certificates to customers who write about a memorable experience they've had with the business.

"The thing I love about doing what I do is that many times I get to be the first person who introduces someone to musical instruments," White said. "I still remember being a fourth grader and the joy I felt the first time I picked up a violin. I get to see that joy all the time. Music is an essential part of life. I just wish more people saw it that way."

White Bros Music
13630 Main St., Bath
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-4 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday
(517) 903-6040, whitebrosmusic.com

TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN
GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED
BY CITY PULSE READERS

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2016 Top of the Town contest, we've assembled a guide to your favorite Lansing-area eateries. We'll run single categories in the paper periodically, but the 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 or text "pulse" to 77948 for links to download.

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Crispy Cool Dre — Sarnie Shoppe

“Oh great, another downtown sandwich shop,” I thought when Sarnie Shoppe announced it was opening in the renovated Knapp’s Centre.

Located just off Washington Square, the downtown Lansing deli, the second location for the aspiring Ohio-based sandwich chain, joined a cold cuts corridor that already

features three national sandwich chains and a local sandwich chain, not to mention a number of bakeries, bars and bagel shops who are happy to meet your meat-and-bread needs.

Sarnie Shoppe

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday;
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday,
closed Sunday
300 S. Washington Square
(entrance is on Washtenaw
Street), Lansing
(517) 657-3603,
jbsarnieshoppe.com

But then I started hearing good things about the hoagie district’s newest

addition, so I decided to check it out for myself. And I was not disappointed.

As you enter the shop, you are greeted by a case displaying Boar’s Head meats — we’re already on the right track. I ordered the Crispy Cool Dre sandwich, which features bacon and Boar’s Head’s amazing Cracked Pepper Mill Turkey. The sandwich is dressed up with pepper jack cheese, sprouts, cucumber, avocado and spinach and served up on ciabatta bread. But the real kicker here are the house-made sauces — pesto mayonnaise and



garlic aioli — that really tie everything together.

I ordered the sandwich grilled, and the Panini-style press turns the whole thing into a crispy, gooey, pesto-y delight. Even better, the shop adds the veggies after grilling, which means you get the cool crunch of fresh cucumber in contrast to the hot ingredients. It’s a small thing, but it makes a big difference.

I don’t know if Lansing’s submarine stretch can support another sandwich joint, but Sarnie Shoppe is a worthy addition. I’ll choose this place over the subterranean sandwich chain across the street every time.

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