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NEWS & OPINION

Who will lead?

With two weeks to go, Council presidency up in air

Kathie Dunbar has distinguished herself of sorts by being on the Lansing City Council for a decade without ever being president.

Not that she hasn't tried. And not that she has given up: Her hat is in the ring for 2017.

But her opponent is Carol Wood, and among the differences between the two is one with a bearing on who should lead: Wood has a perfect attendance record at Committee of the Whole meetings and Dunbar shows up late far more often than she makes it on time.



Dunbar



Wood

Wood's supporters are making an issue of it.

"There seems to be an issue with promptness," said 1st Ward Councilwoman Jody Washington, an ally of Wood. "I cannot remember when that woman was ever on

time. That's absolutely the most basic thing — to be there."

To be fair, Dunbar has been on time — eight times out of 28. The other 20 times she has arrived anywhere from a few minutes to 30 minutes or more late. Her on-time record is by far the worst among Council members this year. (See chart on this page.)

The COW meetings are important planning sessions for the Council meetings, which follow immediately afterward. They are a better indicator of on-time attendance than the Council meetings, since members are already on hand for the COW sessions.

The attendance issue helped undo Dunbar's last bid for president in 2014. The year before, she was vice president as part of a deal with Brian Jeffries, who agreed to back her for president after he served in that role for a year.

That deal fell apart after Jeffries alleged Dunbar had poor performance issues related to attendance and the personal use of her Council computer.

Dunbar's tardiness tendency compares badly to all other Council members, but particularly to Wood's record. She has a perfect record at COW for attendance and being on time.

But Wood, president twice before in her 17 years on the Council, picked another issue on which to go after her opponent.

"The underlying issue is that there are

some of us who spend the time to do the research to understand an issue," said Wood. "Some don't have the same drive to work through the issues."

Wood was referring not to Dunbar per se but to the faction that is often identified as backers of Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, comprising Dunbar, 4th Ward Councilwoman Jessica Yorke and the 2nd Ward's Tina Houghton. All three were out of town, but Dunbar's Facebook page showed she had looked at a message requesting comment for this story. She didn't respond.

Wood, who ran unsuccessfully against Bernero for mayor in 2009, is often cast as the leader of the loyal opposition when the Council splits. She is frequently joined by Washington and 3rd Ward member Adam Hussain. Dunbar, Yorke and Houghton usually vote together in those cases. At-large members Judi Browne Clark and Patricia Spitzley are more often swing votes.

Wood questioned the appropriateness of having Dunbar as president in a year in which she is seeking a fourth term as an at-large member.

"Whoever that is becomes the face of Council," she said. "That then opens up the potential questions as to whether or not the person is acting in the best interest of their re-election campaign or for the Council and the city."

Wood, who was re-elected to her fifth term last year, was president in 2003 and 2013. The first time around was also an election year for her.

However, Wood started that year as vice president, only ascending to the presidency to replace Tony Benevides when he automatically became mayor under the City Charter after David Hollister resigned to accept a Cabinet post under then Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Today, Wood said, she would not agree to be either president or vice president if she were running for reelection.

Council members who were available for comment wouldn't say whom they will support when the leadership vote occurs Jan. 9, the next scheduled Council meeting.

The next president needs five of the eight votes. If neither Dunbar nor Wood succeeds, then the Council might turn to Brown Clarke to succeed herself as president for a second term, some say.

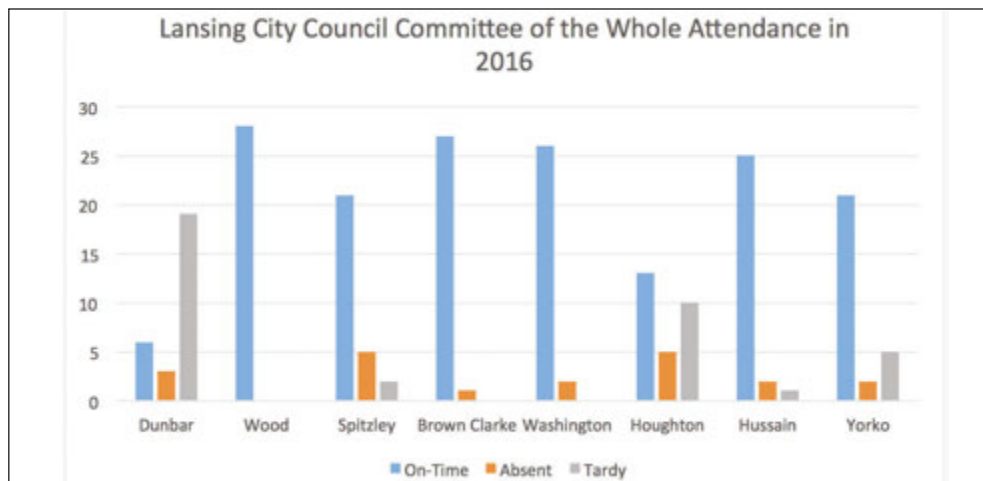
But Wood's criticism about being president while running for reelection would apply to Browne Clark as well. Her first term as an at-large member ends next year.

Brown Clarke is considering a bid for mayor next year, though. Doing so would take her out of a run for reelection to the Council. But that would likely only heighten Wood's criticism about the conflict between being Council president and being a candidate at the same time.

While who will be president is up in the air, one thing is certain: At-large Councilwoman Patricia Spitzley says it won't be she.

Who it will be she said she doesn't know. "It will be a debate," said Spitzley, and hopefully it won't last long."

— Todd Heywood



If "better late than never — but better never late" matters, then Carol Wood is the clear winner over Kathie Dunbar — the two candidates for Lansing City Council president next year — when it comes to City Council attendance. This graph shows that Wood's attendance at the 28 Committee of the Whole, or COW, meetings was perfect, whereas Dunbar was late nearly 70 percent of the time. COW, which is when the Council makes many of its decisions, precedes the City Council meetings, which is often pro forma.

Future uncertain

Food Co-op to close retail store in new year

The East Lansing Food Co-op, challenged by ever-increasing options in the healthy food market, will close its retail store soon, its board has decided.

The board will meet Jan. 8 to decide on a date, its leader, Anne Woiwode, said.

The board has already placed the building, at 4960 Northwind Drive in East Lansing, up for sale. But Woiwode said the owners must decide whether to go through with a sale. The building is listed with Realtor James Vlahakis for \$675,000. However, the board has the authority on its own to close the store, which may occur as soon as the end of January.

Woiwode said that when the board meets in January, it will decide on the content of a letter to owners posing the building sale for official approval and also kicking off a conversation on what the co-op might do in the future. She did not rule out another store, but she said that's unlikely immediately.

The co-op started as a buying club in the 1970s and incorporated in 1976. It moved into the Northwind building 35 years ago.

Tax records show that the co-op purchased the 48-year-old building in 2007 for \$450,000. The current assessed value is \$221,500 and the taxable value is \$190,153. The taxing jurisdiction is Meridian Township.

— Staff



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Effective: 12-21-2016

CITY OF EAST LANSING

ORDINANCE NO. 1394

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-401 OF DIVISION 5 - SMOKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS - OF ARTICLE IV - NUISANCES - OF CHAPTER 26 - OFFENSES - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN CITY PARKS, PLAZAS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 26-401 of Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of East Lansing is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-401. Prohibited smoking declared nuisance; smoking prohibited in city facilities.

(a) No person shall smoke in a public place or in an office work place, except as permitted in this division. In addition to the penalties set forth in section 26-411, a violation of this prohibition is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(b) No person shall smoke in any city owned, managed, operated, and/or leased facility.

(c) No person shall smoke in any park, plaza, playground, tennis court, community center, outdoor athletic complex, aquatic center, linear park or trail owned or controlled by the city or in city parking lots when used for community events.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on Thursday, **January 12, 2017** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Matt Hagan, for the property at 211 North Harrison Road, to replace wood siding. This property is zoned RM-32, City Center Multiple-Family Residential.
2. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Dr. Gary Bente, for the property at 303 Chesterfield Parkway, to construct an addition of a front porch to the home. The property is zoned R-2, Medium Density Single-Family Residential.

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

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

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CP#16-279

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing City Council on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017** at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 101 Linden Street, to consider the following:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1392, an ordinance to amend Section 50-8 of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to add definitions relating to the expansion, maintenance and reconstruction of paving.
2. A public hearing will be held for Ordinance 1389, an ordinance to rezone the properties at 314, 328, 334, 340, and 341-345 Evergreen Avenue from RM-32, City Center Multiple-Family Residential, and P, Parking to Conditional B-3, City Center Commercial District. The properties are 1.76 acres in size.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from 100 Grand River, LLC, and 341 Evergreen, LLC, for Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval to demolish all existing structures on the properties at 100-140 W. Grand River Avenue and 314, 328, 344, 340, and 341-345 Evergreen Avenue, and construct three buildings as follows: a 12 story mixed use building containing first floor retail uses, 153 hotel rooms and 177 mixed market rental units; a five story parking structure attached to a three story building containing 12 dwelling units; and a four story building containing 52 owner occupied dwelling units.

The City of East Lansing will provide reasonable accommodations, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at this meeting, upon notice to the City of East Lansing, prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations or services should write or call the City Manager's Office, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 319-6920, TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, January 30, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider an Ordinance of the City of Lansing, Michigan to amend Chapter 1460 of the City of Lansing Codified Ordinances in its entirety; to add Section 1460.04 Home Occupation Registration and inspection to provide for the registration and inspection of any building or structure in a residentially zoned district where the operation of a home occupation within such building or structure utilizes electricity that exceeds 3,500 kwh (kilowatt hours) per month, and to provide penalties for violations of this Chapter.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1395, an ordinance to amend Section 50-7 of Article I, In General – Section 50-222 of Division 2, Residential Agricultural District of Article IV, Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Districts – Section 50-612 of Division 5, Restricted Office Business District, B-4 and Section 50-632 of Division 6, Community Retail Sales Business District, B-5 of Article VI, Business, Office, and Industrial Districts of Chapter 50 – Zoning of the Code of the City of East Lansing and to Add Section 50-94a to Division 3, Special Use Permit of Article II, Administration and Enforcement to Chapter 50 – Zoning of the Code of the City of East Lansing to Define, Allow For, and Regulate Medical Marijuana Facilities.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1396, an ordinance to Amend Section 8-182 of Article IV – Restaurants and Take-Out Stores of Chapter 8 – Businesses – of the Code of the City of East Lansing.

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

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CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDINANCE NO. 1388

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING USE DISTRICT MAP OF CHAPTER 50 -- ZONING -- OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1388 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at a regular meeting of the Council held on November 22, 2016 and will become effective 7 days after the December 21, 2016 publication of the following ordinance:

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

The Zoning Use District Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described area from Conditional B3, City Center Commercial District to RM32, City Center Multiple Family Residential District:

Tax Parcel No: 33-20-01-13-226-001

Lot 19, and that part of Lots 17 and 18, lying North of a line described as beginning on the East line of Lot 17 at a point 28.5 feet South of the Northeast corner and running thence West (at right angles) to the rear West line of Lot 18, Plat of Oakwood, City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 33.

More commonly known as 341 and 345 Evergreen Avenue, East Lansing, Michigan 48823

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1388 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#16-283

Tax delinquency

A church's dream faces foreclosure by Ingham County

In September 2014, members of the Tabernacle of David church on the city's southwest side were excited. They'd bought a former charter school right across the street at 2130 W. Holmes Road. Their dream was to turn it into a church-run community center. And they'd gotten the property at a bargain basement cost: \$5,204.

The property had been foreclosed on for back taxes by Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing in 2014, when it failed to sell at a public auction. The church swooped in and bought it.

The excitement was shared by Lansing Economic Area Partnership — LEAP — which saw fixing up the old school as the linchpin for redeveloping the Holmes and Pleasant Grove Road area, long in despair. But the excitement soon gave way to the reality that the building was too big a challenge for the Pentecostal congregation. According to City of Lansing records, the church has not drawn any permits for construction on the property. Instead, it sits empty.

The \$5,204 purchase price was misleading. The purchase also obligated the church to assume responsibility for the outstanding property taxes for 2014.

And the tax bill keeps growing. While the church is a nonprofit, rules for assessing taxes require the building to be in use, said Schertzing.

And now, Schertzing is preparing to foreclose on the property again. The church owes, as of Dec. 15, \$73,545 in back taxes. That landed the property on Schertzing's list of top 10 tax delinquents of 2017 in the seventh slot.

Church officials did not return a call requesting comment. Schertzing said there have been discussions with the church and city leadership regarding the property's fate. He said Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero had worked with church leaders to "get a good outcome" for the property, but Schertzing himself was less optimistic.

"I didn't think foreclosure was a bad thing," he said, "because if they don't have the money to keep it from being foreclosed, how are they going to find the money to redevelop it?"

Others on the list include two individuals and a couple — John Linn of Williamston; Mohamad Abduljaber, who is serving time in federal prison for falsifying income tax returns and receiving kickbacks from health care payments; and Stefan and Tamara Farrell of DeWitt. The other six property owners are businesses. Together the top 10 tax delinquents owe the county nearly \$1.1 million. (See complete list on this page.)

If the past due taxes are not paid off by March 31, the county has the legal right to seize the properties and sell them to recover the taxes.

Abduljaber was convicted, along with his wife, Dr. Shannon Wiggins, in 2014 in federal court in Grand Rapids. He was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison and is sched-

Top Ten Ingham County Tax Delinquents 2016

Owner	Total Owed	Registered Agent
S&S Acquisitions Group LLC	\$226,383.98	Sam Dua, Dua and Associates Law
NBB Properties LLC	\$189,760.11	Donald Loding
UN Michgian LLC	\$162,258.42	Joseph Poprawa, Grewel and Associates Law Firm
John Charles Linn	\$101,587.70	
Mohamad Abduljaber	\$94,539.34	
GSD Petrol	\$80,119.80	
Tabernacle of David	\$72,545.39	
JJV Properties	\$68,758.47	John J. Vlahakis
Stefan & Tamara Farrekk	\$49,215.02	
ICD Properties LLC	\$39,354.92	Craig Sturk

Source: Ingham Co. Treasurer Eric Schertzing

uled for release from the Loretto, Pa., federal correctional facility in September 2017. He was also ordered to pay over \$750,000.

Federal authorities have said that while he owns the properties, the process of seizing them and selling them is not worth the effort. Records from the Ingham County Treasurer's Office show Abduljaber is the named owner of 25 properties, 20 of which have back taxes owed on them.

Linn, according to county documents, owns 18 properties in the county, and 17 of them are delinquent. The Farrells own 14 properties in the county, according to those documents from the treasurer, 11 of which are tax delinquent.

Topping the list is S&S Acquisitions Group LLC with a past due tax bill of \$226,383, according to Schertzing. Sam Dua, the company's representative, said it sent a check for \$180,000 last week and plans to pay off the remaining delinquent taxes well before the March 31 deadline. Documents from the Treasurer's Office show the company owns at least 65 properties in Ingham county, and 49 of those had back taxes on them.

Dua said while the tax debt appears large, it's actually an indicator of the economic recovery after the 2008 housing bubble burst and the Great Recession hit the U.S.

"If you go back to the crash of 2008, the numbers were in the half-million-dollar range" in owed taxes," he said. "If you look at it now, you see things are in recovery."

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He said the company had "been through this for several years," but "we have never lost a property to tax foreclosure. In fact, we've bought properties from the tax sales."

Number three on the list, UN Michigan, is the owner of the Magnuson Hotel on the city's south side. It's made headlines in the last year as the "Homeless Hotel." The owner owes \$162,258, according to Schertzing.

Joseph Poprawa, an attorney for the firm of Grewel and Associates, is the agent for UN Michigan. He said the owner was "horrified" at the situation the hotel found itself in last Au-

gust. That's when Homeless Angels was told the hotel was closing and the homeless families the group was housing in the hotel would have to find another place to live. That prompted Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero to declare a housing emergency. The nearly 100 residents were all relocated by the end of October.

But Poprawa said the back taxes are actually owed by Homeless Angels.

"This is kind of a weird situation," he said by phone Tuesday. "It was being sold on a land contract and the purchaser defaulted on that."

While he declined originally to identify the land contract purchaser, when asked if it was Homeless Angels, he confirmed it was.

The owner, Alvin Peh, is suing Homeless Angels and the City of Lansing in Ingham County Circuit Court.

Mike Karl, head of Homeless Angels did not return phone calls on Tuesday seeking comment.

However, Schertzing said, "No one has shown me that land contract. If they do, I'd be happy to add Homeless Angels to the actions."

— Todd Heywood



PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 1387

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING USE DISTRICT MAP OF CHAPTER 50 – ZONING – OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1387 was adopted by the East Lansing City Council at a regular meeting of the Council held on December 6, 2016 and will become effective 7 days after the December 21, 2016 publication of the following summary of ordinance:

The Zoning Use District Map is hereby amended to rezone the following described area from RM8, Planned Unit Development District to B2, Retail Sales Business District:

Land in the City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, T4N-R1W, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 8; thence N88°19'15"W 1,116.58 feet along the east-west 1/4 line of Section 8 to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N88°19'15"W 252.35 feet along the east-west 1/4 line of Section 8 to the centerline of Park Lake Road; thence N01°47'08"E 985.94 feet along the centerline of Park Lake Road; thence S88°04'45"E 155.48 feet; thence N65°19'38"E 261.88 feet; thence N24°38'10"W 156.86 feet; thence S65°21'50"W 22.73 feet; thence N39°02'10"W 119.21 feet to the Southeasterly right of way of State Highway M-78; thence 1287.19 feet along the arc of a 3889.83 feet radius circular curve to the left with a chord bearing N52°50'44"E 1281.32 feet along the Southeasterly right of way of State Highway M-78; thence S45°56'57"E 271.77 feet; thence S02°01'57"W 275.99 feet; thence S19°26'15"W 158.04 feet; thence S02°01'57"W 181.70 feet; thence S43°52'25"W 778.60 feet; thence N21°44'20"W 100.37 feet; thence N46°07'35"W 403.08 feet; thence S43°52'25"W 177.98 feet; thence S01°50'27"W 619.52 feet; thence N88°09'34"W 136.01 feet; thence S01°50'26"W 369.48 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 26.27 acres and being subject to Park Lake Road right of way over the West 33 feet.

And the following described area from RM8, Planned Unit Development District to B4, Restricted Office Business District:

Land in the City of East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, T4N-R1W, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 8; thence N88°19'15"W 380.86 feet along the east-west 1/4 line of Section 8 to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N88°19'15"W 735.72 feet along the east-west 1/4 line of Section 8; thence N01°50'26"E 369.48 feet; thence S88°09'34"E 136.01 feet; thence N01°50'27"E 619.52 feet; thence N43°52'25"E 177.98 feet; thence S46°07'35"E 403.08 feet; thence S21°44'20"E 100.37 feet; thence N43°52'25"E 778.60 feet; thence N02°01'57"E 181.70 feet; thence N19°26'15"E 158.04 feet; thence N02°01'57"E 275.99 feet; thence N45°56'57"W 56.90 feet; thence S88°12'03"E 757.68 feet; thence N01°55'27"E 3.81 feet to the west line of Everett Farms as recorded in Liber 44 of Plats, Page 49, Ingham County Records; thence along the south and west lines of said Everett Farms S88°23'20"E 92.33 feet and S02°02'51"W 813.46 feet; thence N88°08'06"W 110.00 feet; thence S02°02'51"W 5.50 feet to the north line of Wood Creek as recorded in Liber 45 of Plats, Page 41, Ingham County Records; thence along the north line of said Wood Creek the following six (6) courses: N63°30'59"W 95.17 feet, N88°12'10"W 48.90 feet, S59°31'17"W 389.47, S44°02'45"W 353.95 feet, S40°35'22"W 674.90 feet and S01°47'06"W 210.67 feet to the east-west 1/4 line of Section 8 and the point of beginning. Containing 38.21 acres and being subject to any and all easements and encumbrances of record.

More commonly known as 5800 Park Lake Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1387 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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Lansing's LGBT Connection!

Lansing Association for Human Rights

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December President's Corner: Finding Our Strength

Most of the articles in LAHR's newsletter this month are not calls to fight but calls to rest. And yes, we all deserve a breather. But my request of you is that you come out of your respite and into 2017 swinging.

I was taught through a story about Xenophon, a soldier and student of Socrates in ancient Greece, that to force yourself to be an active participant in a radical change you have to find your cliff. In the story, a huge army was pursuing Xenophon and in a strategic de-

cision he chose to march his army to a spot where they would be backed up to a cliff. His soldiers, afraid and confused, questioned this choice but Xenophon assured them that the approaching army would know them to be formidable because they now had no choice but to fight to the death.

The LGBTQ communities don't have to look far to find our cliffs, our reasons to pour heart and energy into winning equality and fairness in our state, because our cliffs are our lives as is.

But the LGBTQ communities aren't alone in knowing too well the severity of the alternative to winning. Women, people of color, immigrants, the poor... We all know that the product of not fighting is continued suffering. We feel tangibly and desperately that our choice is made by not having a choice. Losing endangers the stability of our lives and the lives of generations after us. What we may not be able to see through our sweat and struggle is that we are all on the same side fighting for different manifestations of the same thing – to be respected and known as equal and valuable human beings on this planet, and in this country.

Being on the same side doesn't mean that we feign an ignorance of our dif-

ferences, but rather that we recognize how those differences are being used to arrange us into a false hierarchy and to exploit our need for salvation from our struggles. Being on the same side requires that we embrace our interconnectedness toward building a solidarity that can shift the times and move those in power to act. Being on the same side means helping to define the cliff for those who oppress others.

We have no choice but to fight for our lives. Want justice? Want peace? Take all the breaths you need, and then let's get back to work.

*Emily Dievendorf, President
Lansing Association
for Human Rights*

Finding Where You Fit in Advocacy Work

by C.J. Starry

If you were asked to describe yourself, what would you say? For many, our self-descriptors are a conglomerate of hobbies, beliefs, social circles, and identities. Regardless of whether these identities were something you were born into or something you chose, there is no doubt that they are integral to who you are. So what do you do when these identities are threatened?

Loud opinions and threats from others may be intimidating, and when you want to be an advocate for something, they can be overpowering. What do you do in the face of intimidation?

First and foremost, you must care for yourself and your loved ones. When you're upset, take the time to center yourself. Gather your thoughts, write them down, and speak to a friend or therapist. The first step toward creating change is to understand your own personal stance and know how you might want to move forward. Remember, even the most active advocates need to step away sometimes to refocus.

Once you have bolstered yourself, you are ready to take the next step. Nothing is wrong with simply voicing

your opinion, but true advocacy has a much broader scope of action. Some direct approaches include attending/organizing peaceful protests, contacting your state representatives, and speaking to friends/colleagues who are willing to listen. If you are advocating for a group you are not a part of, speak to those you are advocating for. Ask them how best to advocate on their behalf.

If you are unable to go forward with these actions, though, that does not mean there is nothing that you can do to help. Consider donating your time (or money) as a volunteer. Research charities supporting the causes that matter to you, and then contact them to see how you can contribute.

Get involved in your community, reach out, and take inspiration from others. The key to long-term activism is resilience, which is hard to achieve in the face of opposition, but not impossible. Familiarize yourself with tactics others may use to attempt to delegitimize your stance, and practice calm and firm responses (or, in some cases, practice not responding at all). You are not alone, and your motivation will inspire others to join you.

You have within yourself the power to do great things. Don't forget that even the smallest splash creates a ripple in a still pond.

PLEASE Take Care of Yourself

by Becky Silva

Self-care is one of the most important things we can do in these ever-changing and stressful times. We hear about it every day, but no one really tells us how to do it or what to do. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) can help. It is a type of therapy that helps people who have difficulty managing their emotions make healthier choices.

I like to use DBT's PLEASE skills, which encourage you to take care of your mind by taking care of your body. PLEASE stands for treating physical illness, practicing balanced eating, avoiding mood altering drugs, getting enough sleep, and exercising. Implementing them is simple:

- Treating physical illnesses is the first step. Remember to take your medications, go to the doctor, and take care of your health.

- Eating a balanced diet is also important. Eat your normal three meals per day, and make sure you have food in your system, even if it's just an apple or a salad.

- Avoiding drugs and alcohol might seem difficult, but it can help you control your emotions more effectively.

- Maintaining a regular sleep

schedule is one of the most important things you can do! We need sleep, so adhere to your routine: go to bed at the same time, get up at the same time, and avoid Facebook or the news in bed.

- Getting exercise on a regular basis can help release endorphins in your brain and relieve stress.

- Another great technique to help keep you level is self-soothing. This process involves using the five senses to do things that are calming and pleasing:

- Look at a picture of someplace that reminds you of happy times, like the beach or the woods.

- Watch a candle flame.

- Listen to pleasant sounds, such as a nature app on your phone that plays thunder storms, ocean waves, or rain.

- Eat chocolate (or drink tea) mindfully, being fully aware of the taste, texture, and sensation when you eat it.

- Keep essential oils in your bag or at your desk for a soothing scent.

- Find comforting textures. This could mean wearing a piece of jewelry that grounds you, having a super soft blanket to snuggle with, or cuddling a pet!

Following the above steps can help give you a roadmap for taking care of basic needs during tough times. Remember: you can't expect to help others until you're taking care of yourself.

Advocacy and Resilience – The Inescapable Relationship

by Amanda Niven

Every time we suffer a defeat, I go through the 21 stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, floor crying, blaming others, blaming myself, feeling guilty for not being a magical beam of light with limitless energy, not eating, eating too much, insomnia, crumbling into a heap, alcohol, inappropriate laughter, back pain, Facebook, yelling, naps, existential dread, taking a deep breath, and acceptance.

The reason advocates exist is because there is something wrong in the world, and fixing the world is taking longer than I thought it would. It's not a straightforward path, or even one path, and advocates don't even all agree on the path, although we may seek the same destination. Being an advocate means being immersed in the wrongness and fighting as hard as you can to make it right, and losing. Then those 21 stages of grief happen, and then you fight some more.

That's resilience.

And that's the sort of messed up part about being an advocate: your work relies on your resilience, and your resilience is overtaxed by the reason for your advocacy.

As a queer, genderqueer, Asian-American of woman-ish experience working in TQBLG advocacy, I get knocked down almost constantly, and it is draining. It can become more than just lots of experiences with sexism, binarism, heteronormativity, transphobia, racism, cis-sexism, xenophobia, misogyny, and other forms of violence. It can become the narrative of my life. Having lived as me in this world for 32 years now, my resilience is nothing short of miraculous.

However long it takes me to get up each time, what matters is that I get up. However frustrating it is to continue the work when it sometimes seems like it's going nowhere, what matters is that I charge forward. However terrifying it is to continue to live my truth, what matters is that I do. I won't stop. I won't give up. I don't know how much progress we can make, or if we are making net progress at all, but I do know that if we don't fight, what is wrong in this world will remain, and grow, and win. We can't let that happen.

'Tis the Season for Self-Care

by Alex C. Lange

As queer and trans people, we often navigate multiple sets of families. There are the chosen families we have gotten to wrap ourselves up in, and maybe those families who raised us. Often, the former is more often met with warmth and hugs than the latter. Although it's not always the case, going "home" often means we're met with more confrontation or hostility based on our identities. As a result, we need to assess how we will best take care of ourselves while home. Here are some considerations:

- Decide if going home is best for you. This is often not a thought for us, but it can be our most needed one. Do you have friends or family of choice you can stay with instead? If going home is not best for your wellness needs, think of alternatives for the holiday. If you feel a sense of obligation to be home for the holidays, think about how you can limit the number of days in that environment.

- If going home, consider ways to diffuse conversations. Discuss with others what you are or are not willing to talk about and then follow up on it. Think about using phrases like "ouch" to name when something being said may be hurtful to you or someone you love. It's a quick way to make a point without having

to enter long-form conversation.

- Have a network of care. I often text some of my best friends when I am "home" to commiserate and remove myself mentally from the space where I am at. I also make plans to be with friends I don't get to see often but who I know support me. It doesn't matter if they are in my hometown or if we're linking up over Skype/Zoom.


During this time of year, we are often expected to share spaces with family, but remember that you have options. Consider what will be best for you and your needs when you are making your decisions. Self-care is always a priority, and the holiday season should be no exception.



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A piece of the pie

Percent for Art ordinance having an effect in East Lansing

BY EVE KUCHARSKI

After two years, East Lansing's Percent for Art ordinance is starting to bear fruit. The ordinance, which pulls public arts funding from public and private development projects, has already funded two public art pieces and could provide a huge influx of cash for public art projects in the city.

"It really came from the conversation about what we could do improve the arts and culture in East Lansing," said Sarah Triplett, chairwoman of the East Lansing Arts Commission. "It was also from a desire that the city have a sustainable source of funding for public art, specifically."

So far, the ordinance has funded two completed public art projects. DTN Management's latest apartment complex, 300 Grand (300 W. Grand River Ave.), features a 40-by-20-foot mural that overlooks Valley Court Park. The mural was created by Tiffany Klein, owner of Lansing's La Fille Gallery. "Mezza Luna," a metal kinetic sculpture that moves in the wind, was created for Lake Trust Credit Union's new Lake Lansing Road branch (1300 W. Lake Lansing Road) by California-based artist Jeffery Laudenslager. There is also an upcoming donation of \$25,000 by the Cottages apartment complex, as well as seven other projects that are in discussions with the East Lansing Art Commission. According to Triplett, the overall response has been positive.

"This is something that developers really hadn't done before, so we wondered what

"Mezza Luna," a kinetic sculpture by California-based artist Jeffery Laudenslager, sits near the entrance to Lake Trust Credit Union's new Lake Lansing Road branch. The sculpture was funded through East Lansing's Percent for Art ordinance.

they were going to bring to the table," Triplett said. "I was tremendously surprised by their level of creativity and enthusiasm."

Andrew Barrone, owner of University Marathon at the corner of Saginaw Highway and Abbot Road, is one of the developers slated to display art at his business. His existing gas station will be torn down in late March or early April to create an updated service station in the same spot called Barrone Auto Wash. Barrone's idea for art in that location is to install something "along the lines of an outdoor public gallery."

"We would take artists, and they could range from grade school kids to college kids to professionals, on six panels designed into or above the building," Barrone said. "Their drawings would be transferred to a canvas almost like a banner, so it would handle the weather."

Barrone said he is excited that the ordinance will bring more art to East Lansing, but he sees why some developers might take issue with displaying art on their premises because of branding or legal issues.

"You can't not like the idea of bringing art in," Barrone said. "But I also can see why people just pay the tax and move on. You take somebody big like Costco, and there's no way they're going to do that, because they've got attorneys up the yin yang."

The wholesaler did, in fact, choose to donate \$25,000 to the art fund as part of its recently approved \$30 million East Lansing development.

The Percent for Art ordinance, officially known as Ordinance No. 1339, went into effect October 2014. Before the ordinance, city-funded art projects were decided on an ad hoc basis, considering opportunities separately as they arose. One such project, the "Raising Harmony" sculpture, was erected in front of City Hall to honor late former City Councilwoman Mary P. Sharp. But East Lansing citizens and city workers argued that the city's funding of art was inconsistent in both funding and efficacy. Former Mayor Nathan Triplett led the charge from the City Council side to design a sustainable way for the city to fund and implement public art.

"The point of the percent for art was to not in any way diminish those prior efforts," Triplett said. "Instead of forcing people to have to come together and do this and recreate the wheel every time the community wants to build a piece of public art, we should have an established and sustained process and funding mechanism — and not just every few years to mark an occasion like the centennial."

After poring over hundreds of policies from community art programs across the United States, Triplett cobbled together a

plan to address East Lansing's specific needs. The ordinance created a system that pulls arts funding from public and private developments of \$500,000 or more.

"On the public side, the ordinance requires the city set aside 1 percent of the value of the capital improvement paid for by the general fund in a budget year to the public art fund," Triplett said. "The more complex side is the private component of the ordinance."

When private developers apply for permits from the city, they have three options. They can allocate 1 percent of the total project cost, up to \$25,000, to an on-site public art display, donate that amount to the city's public art fund or donate a piece of art valued at that amount to the city. The goal is to give a variety of options to fit the needs of a variety of developers.

Triplett said that the ordinance still has kinks that need to be worked out, including formalizing procedures to allocate donated money and creating an easily accessible list of public art projects, but he thinks the young program could have a lasting impact on the city. And he points to the list of projects in the works as evidence that businesses are on board.

"I don't believe the ordinance creates a burden to developing in East Lansing," he said. "I think you've seen that since the implementation of the ordinance."

Ty Forquer/City Pulse

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Bring Red's Burgers and BBQ to the Eastside

indiegogo.com/projects/bring-red-s-burgers-and-bbq-to-the-eastside

Red's Smokehouse is working to turn its barbecue stand into a brick-and-mortar restaurant, and it's looking to the community for help.

The business, owned and operated by the wife-and-wife team of Carol "Red" Smith and Jackie Randall, launched in June 2014 as a Wednesday-only pop-up at the Allen Market Place's farmers market. In September that year, it moved into a booth at the Lansing City Market, and earlier this year the duo launched a spin-off food truck. But the City Market booth closed last month as Smith and Randall prepared to renovate a storefront at 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., just around the corner from the Allen Market Place. They recently launched a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo to raise funds for the move.

"The Eastside community is where the business started and where it was meant to expand," states the business' Indiegogo campaign page. "The new 1,200-square-foot space will include a state of the art kitchen, a small dining area, a deli and a take-out counter. We are converting an old office space from the ground up."

The duo hopes to open early next year. According to the campaign page, the estimated build-out will cost \$80,000, and Smith and Randall are hoping to raise \$40,000 of that through the Indiegogo campaign, which ends Jan. 1. It is a flexible funding campaign, so the business will receive all pledged funds even if the goal is not met.

Rewards for backers range from a free order of Deep Fried Mac-n-Cheese Balls for \$10 contributions up to a catered party for 100 at the \$5,000 level. Other incentives include T-shirts, sandwiches and VIP invitations to the restaurant's grand opening.

"We want to help the community thrive, and that means keeping our prices reasonable and hiring local employees," the campaign states. "The Eastside community of Lansing has always supported us and we want to do our part in offering them great food at an affordable price."

Cerin the Spirit Catcher Plush Doll by Creepy Kawaii

kickstarter.com/projects/creepykawaii/cerin-the-spirit-catcher-plush-doll-by-creepy-kawaii

Last year, Lansing-based plush designer Stefanie Shall turned to Kickstarter to take

her business to the next level. Her successful crowdfunding campaign raised nearly \$10,000 to turn her line of creepy, hand-made plush dolls into a professionally manufactured line of products.

Her online store, Creepy Kawaii, offers playfully weird plush dolls like Timmy and Tommy the Two-Headed Turtle and Sweets the Cookie Spider, as well as necklaces, buttons and other accessories. Now she's turning to Kickstarter again to fund her next wave of quirky critters.

Shall's latest campaign, which ends Jan. 11, is attempting to raise at least \$7,500 to fund the production of a black cat plush doll named Cerin the Spirit Catcher. Shall describes Cerin as "a supernatural black cat that hunts evil spirits in the dead of night and turns them into dead mice to present as a gift." The doll will be about 12 inches tall and feature glow-in-the-dark eyes and a detachable plush mouse.

The campaign also features three "unlockable" designs that will be produced if the campaign reaches certain targets beyond its fundraising goal, including a plush skeleton that is unlocked if the campaign raises \$10,000 and a ghost cat that is unlocked at \$15,000. An alternate Cerin design is unlocked at \$20,000.

"I'm really hoping we can cover all the unlockable goals that we have set in place," Shall said. "But it's going to take a lot of work to get there."

Aside from the plush dolls, contributors

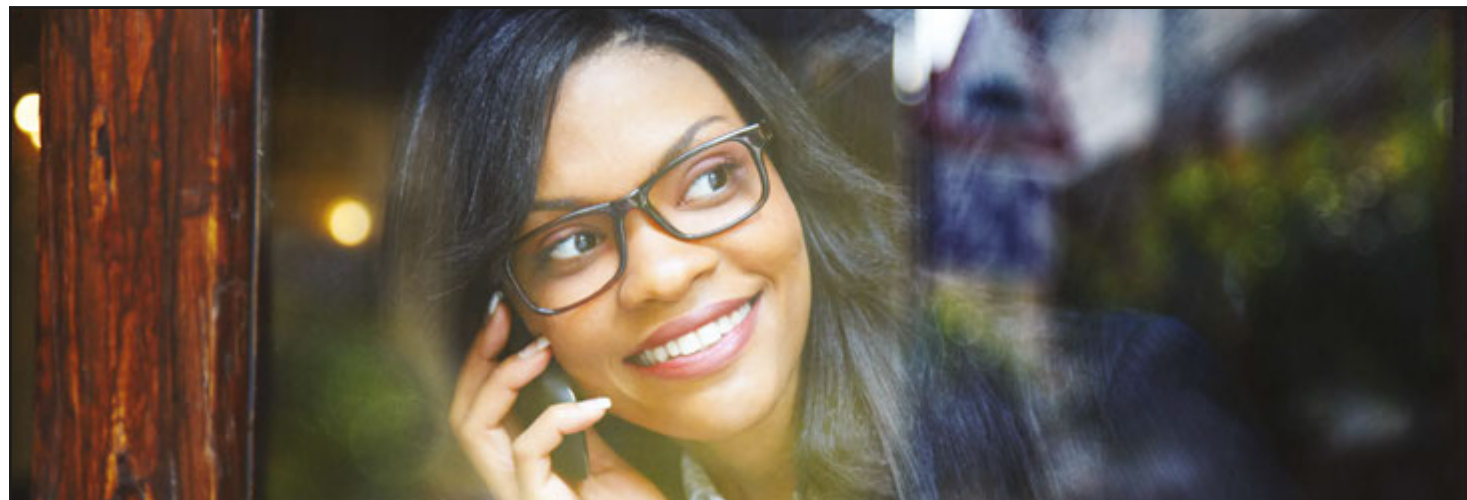


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Creepy Kawaii, run by Lansing-based artist Stefanie Shall, is using Kickstarter to raise funds for Cerin the Spirit Catcher, its latest plush doll design.

are rewarded with Cerin-themed items such as buttons, candles, acrylic charms and limited edition prints. This project will only be funded if it meets its fundraising goal by Jan. 11.

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Santa's sack of swing

MSU Professors of Jazz skip the trimmings, go straight for the goods

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

There were no festive add-ons, no guest vocalists, not even a stocking or candy cane in sight, but the MSU Professors of Jazz opened up a bottomless, Santa-sized sack of swing for a packed and delighted Fairchild Theatre Saturday night.

This time of year, jazz musicians face the choice of licking the same old tunes like a dutiful dog or playing with them in cold blood, like a condescending cat.

Review

How do you please both the traditionalists and the hardcore jazzheads?

Sticking to a no-frills, all-instrumental recital format, this year's "Jazzy Little Christmas" struck the perfect balance of tradition and demolition. The Professors' approach was to pour the sweetness and sentiment of perennial holiday favorites into a steel blender of hard bop, add some stronger spirits (such as Art Blakey and John Coltrane) and serve up an adult beverage that gave comfort and joy but refused to cloy.

The professors have gone through several lineup changes over the years, but the current backfield is so deep it was nearly impossible to take all the artistry in, even without ebullient trumpeter Etienne Charles, who was not on hand.

"O Christmas Tree," a solo gem by guitarist Randy Napoleon, was a concert all by itself. Napoleon took gentle hold of the simple, hymn-like tune and hung a luminous string of emotion, shifting from free-floating twinkles to a gently



Photo by Jessica D. Cowles/JDC Photography

Saxophonist Diego Rivera brought his brainy, athletic solos to the Professors of Jazz's eclectic collection of holiday tunes.

rocking rhythm to the edge of hard blues before reverting back to delicate diffusion.

Napoleon can hang the lights on my tree any time. Taking a typically multi-layered solo on "Blue Christmas," of all things, he knew just when to give the lights a retrograde yank, a sudden plunge or ascent, without crimping the curvature in his garland of variations.

Subtle as Napoleon can be, with his sweet smile and calm demeanor, it's easy to think of him as the group's secret weapon. The problem is, these days, the professors are all stealth weapons, subordinating their star power to the benefit of the whole. Pianist Xavier Davis reached into a bag that went much deeper than Santa's, from lyricism to playfulness to magisterial left-hand "bombs" à la McCoy Tyner. Taking the lead on Vince Guaraldi's Charlie Brown-y "Christmas Time is Here," Davis eschewed Guaral-

di's transparent simplicity and dug into a richer subsoil, layering pattern on pattern to weave a mesmerizing tapestry of tones.

Ironically, the only tune of the night that didn't radiate comfort and joy was Davis' propulsive, film-noir arrangement of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." The song usually evokes a ruddy-cheeked brass band on a street corner, but the urgent pulse of Davis's version conjured the image of a thief making off with the brass band's hat full of money and running into the alley, with cops giving chase.

The closest thing to a candied cherry in this exquisitely blended and brandied fruit cake was trombonist Michael Dease. In the spirit of Santa, Dease freed the fattest sound on the stage from any duty to gravity.

In "Blue Christmas," Dease built his solo from two or three notes, taking a jol-

ly, raucous roll to the bottom of the chimney and levitating back up like a sprite. He pulled off the acrobatics so deftly he drew a huge grin from Napoleon, to his right, who seemed to be thinking, "So that's how Santa does it."

"Blue Christmas" was a stealth stunner all around, starting with a straight-up, unison reading of the melody in almost draggy mid-tempo, then refracting into 40 shades of blue. Bassist Rodney Whitaker dug further into the song's lonely frustration than Elvis Presley ever did, slipping in a quote from "Bye Bye Blackbird" and bursting into a flurry of high-register agitation so raw it made a man in the audience cry "Look out!"

Drummer Randy Gelispie kept the hard bop rolling from decked hall to decked hall, adding subtle, song-specific touches — like the hint of a parade in "Frosty the Snowman" and the popping of chestnuts in "The Christmas Song" — without letting things get corny. Gelispie can adjust his power the same way Superman can range from tearing a freighter in half to rescuing a puppy. For "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," he stoked up a boiler-room "boom-boom" pulse worthy of John Coltrane's "Africa Brass." Then he picked up the brushes and wove wisps of reverence around Whitaker's soulful arco reading of Bach's "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," in a beautiful trio spotlight with Davis.

Saxophonist Diego Rivera is so strong and eloquent a player, it's hard to think of him as a secret weapon. But Rivera builds his muscular statements into disciplined columns that hold up the entire edifice. Rivera's solos were athletic and brainy as ever, and his coda on "The Christmas Song" was a silver droplet of pure, classic beauty.

In such company, a simple hook of a tune like "Jingle Bells" turned into a blistering, blustering sleigh ride in a cloud of crystal flakes, shifting harmonies refracting like colors in prisms of ice. The tune even *in medias res* — the "dashing through the snow" part — and just kept on dashing.



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Start a new tradition

Taking a look at classic holiday books, new and old

By BILL CASTANIER

“Twas the night before Christmas, when all thro’ the house ...”

New Yorker Clement Clarke Moore wrote this famous first line in 1823, and the story has since become a favorite tale to read on Christmas Eve. But when it comes to children’s books about the holidays, there are plenty of options out there, and it seems like everyone has a personal favorite for this time of year.

If your family hasn’t started a tradition, here are a few ideas. Let’s start with the classics.

“How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” by Dr. Seuss, is an iconic tale of a creature who descends on the happy residents of Whoville to ruin their holiday. Alas, all ends well when the Grinch discovers the true meaning of Christmas and joins in the festivities. The book is published in several languages, including Spanish.

It seems natural that an Englishman would weigh in with one of the most popular Christmas tales, “A Christmas Carol.” Written as a novella by Charles Dickens in 1843, this thinly veiled lesson on social justice is loosely based on Dickens’ early childhood. It explores how even a stingy, self-absorbed man can have a conversion when confronted by his past, present and future. One can only hope that the three ghosts have an appointment at Trump Tower this Christmas.

And of course there’s “the most famous reindeer of all.” Robert L. May penned “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” for Montgomery Ward, the Chicago-based department store, in 1939. In this sweet tale, a social outcast discovers that his differences are actually an asset, and in the process he saves Christmas. The department store gave away more than 2 million copies of this pamphlet, and in 1948, Detroit’s Jam Handy Corporation produced a cartoon version for theaters. The popular stop-motion animation ver-



Courtesy Photo

“Nutcracker,” a 1984 adaptation of the classic E.T.A. Hoffmann story, features illustrations by beloved children’s author Maurice Sendak.

sion was produced in 1964.

“The Nutcracker,” is a staple of ballet stages this time of year. For a literary version, check out the 1984 “Nutcracker,” which dresses up the E.T.A. Hoffmann classic with illustrations by Maurice Sendak. The original book, which celebrates its bicentennial this year, was written by Hoffmann, a German, in 1816. It tells of a toy — the titular Nutcracker — which comes alive to fight the evil Mouse King. The ballet adaptation, which features music by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, is one of the most popular ballets in history.

For a contemporary — and hilarious — take on the holidays, look to humor-

ist David Sedaris. His “Holidays on Ice” has become one of the most popular comedic looks at Christmas and its foibles. One uproarious essay in the book, “Santaland Diaries,” describes a season Sedaris spent working as an elf at Macy’s. You never look at mall Santas the same way.

“The Polar Express,” by Michiganander Chris Van Allsburg, is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and it is as popular as ever, thanks in no small part to the 2004 Tom Hanks animated adaptation. Michigan State University graduates from the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s will likely remember the hulking 1225 steam engine, which sat on campus for decades. The train, which Van Allsburg recalls seeing as a young boy while attending a football game with his father, was the inspiration for “The Polar Express.”

O. Henry’s “The Gift of the Magi” speaks to the unselfishness of Christmas, featuring a couple who sacrifice their most important possessions to make the other happy. “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” by Charles Schultz, is another perennial favorite. Originally a made-for-TV special, the story criticizes the over-commercialization of Christmas. The more traditional “The Bells of Christmas,” by National Book Award winner Virginia Hamilton, takes us back to Ohio in the 1890s, where Hamilton presents a family celebrating traditional Christmas.

If your looking for a book that will entertain both the very young and the discerning oldster, check out the incredible pop-up book “The 12 Days of Christmas,”

by former Michigander Robert Sabuda. It’s a paper engineer’s delight.

For a darker take on the holidays, pick up Tim Burton’s illustrated version of “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” “The Little Match Girl,” written by Hans Christian Andersen in 1845, is a thoroughly depressing tale of an impoverished young girl selling matches on the street.

For the adults in the family, Truman Capote’s “A Christmas Memory” and Alex Haley’s “A Different Kind of Christmas” tell Christmas stories that are not soon forgotten. Prolific writer Glendon Swarthout, whose books range from John Wayne-esque tough guy stories to groundbreaking pop culture books like “Where the Boys Are,” has written one of the most heart-tugging Christmas books of all time, “The Melodeon.” The book is set in depression-era rural Michigan.

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Wednesday, December 21

EVENTS

Allen Market Place — Indoor Season.

Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/Bol1303O4VE.

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.

Festival of Trees. Showcase of holiday trees. 1-7 p.m. \$5/kids FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing.

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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.

MUSIC

Stagetime Open Mic. With featured artist Kate Baumer & Friends. 7-11 p.m. FREE. Sir Pizza Grand Cafe, 201 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-4825.

Thursday, December 22

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

(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.

MUSIC

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

EVENTS

Festival of Trees. Showcase of holiday trees. 1-7 p.m. \$5/kids FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100

See Out on the Town, Page 18

The gift of art



Courtesy Photo

Grove Gallery and Studio's annual Holiday Art Show features both functional and decorative fine art and crafts, including stationery, notebooks and watercolor prints by Michelle Detering.

Through Dec. 24

If you haven't finished your holiday shopping at this point, you may feel tempted to slip some cash in a card and call it a day. But if you're looking for a personal touch, a few local art galleries are offering unique gift options right up to Christmas.

The Lansing Art Gallery's 2016 Holiday Exhibition highlights a wide variety of gift ideas, with over 100 Michigan crafters and artists represented.

"This year we saw a big boom in ceramic sales," said Sara Pulver, gallery coordinator. "Handmade mugs, bowls and ornaments have been a big hit this year."

Ceramic works in this year's show include kitchenware items from Detroit-area clay artist Chrys Bonnay-Lewis and her studio, Pewabic Pottery, tiles with witty quotes created by Detroit-based ceramicist Melanie Brooks and whimsical tilted cups and teapots from St. Joseph artist Lynne Tan.

The exhibition features more than ceramics, however, including traditional fine arts from many mediums. Items range in size, with prices starting at \$6.

Pulver added that jewelry has also been a big seller, which is typical for this time of year.

Grove Gallery and Studio's annual Holiday Art Show has also seen high numbers of jewelry sales, especially from local jewelry maker Deb Fehrenbach, who held her trunk show there earlier this month.

"We've sold lots of earrings and wearable art, like natural-dyed scarves," said Deb Cholewicki, gallery manager and an artist who exhibits at the gallery. "Soaps are also very popular this year."

Festive seasonal art has also seen strong sales.

"We've still got holiday ornaments for the tree and all sorts of stocking stuffers," Cholewicki said.

Fine art is also a big part of the show, including works by painter Julian Van Dyke, who holds an exhibition at the gallery in January.

At MICA Gallery in Old Town, the annual Art of Gifting art sale has seen stronger sales than previous years.

"We do still have a number of pieces available for purchase," said Katrina Daniels, the gallery's program director. "We have a wide

variety of work, including hand-dyed silk scarves, miniature oil paintings, hand-painted cards, porcelain dishes, jewelry and more."

This year for MICA, smaller has been bigger. Daniels said that some of the most popular items have been tiny — crocheted cupcake pin cushions, hand-dyed bamboo socks and small porcelain ring dishes, to name a few.

"I believe the large array of price points have made this exhibit accessible to a wide variety of people and budgets," Daniels said.

Lansing Art Gallery 2016 Holiday Exhibition

Through Dec. 23
11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday
119 N. Washington
Square, Lansing
(517) 374-6400
lansingartgallery.org

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Through Dec. 24
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Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday
325A Grove St., East
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(517) 333-7180,
grovegalleryandstudios.com

MICA Gallery Art of Gifting

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— ALLISON HAMMERLY

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FRI. DEC.
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LandoH

Friday, Dec. 23 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. \$10/\$8 adv., 18+, 7 p.m.

Mac's Bar hosts a bumpin' holiday-themed party featuring a mashup of EDM and hip-hop artists. And of course, ugly sweaters are encouraged. Set to perform are headliners LandoH and Captain Boom, as well as DJ \$our, Willy Cobain and Lil' Rockstar Jay. LandoH, a U.S. Army National Guard member, began rapping at 16. In September 2013, he released an emotive video for "Nightmares," which was pulled from his debut EP, "Never Landon." Since then, he's released a series of mixtapes and videos, and last year he dropped his sophomore release, the "AOE" EP. You can stream both mixtapes at landoh.bandcamp.com. LandoH says his introspective indie-hop-hop tracks reflect "the daily life and struggle of being a man from a young age." For more information and show dates, visit landoh.com.

WAHYA'S AT THE AVENUE CAFE



THUR. DEC.
22ND

Wahya's

Thursday, Dec. 22 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, donations, 8 p.m.

Primitive garage-rock duo Wahya's performs Thursday at the Avenue Café. Opening the show are local punks Scary Women and two brand new Lansing-based rock outfits: Half Tongue and Your Mom's Worst Nightmare. The North Carolina-based Wahya's comprises Joshua Johnson (guitar) and Lindsey Sprague (drums), with the pair sharing lead vocal duties. Johnson has spent time gigging with Paint Fumes, while Sprague has toured with the Trashettes and Daddy Issues. Wahya's loose brand of fuzzy, psych-fueled rock 'n' roll is documented on the band's 2014 digital single, featuring "Third Eye" and "Polarized Vision." The tracks, which the band describes as "evil garage-gospel, like Johnny and June with less church," were released on the Shipwrecked Records imprint and are available for streaming at wahyas.bandcamp.com.

MR. DENTON ON DOOMSDAY AT THE LOFT



FRI. DEC.
30TH

Mr. Denton on Doomsday

Friday, Dec. 30 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$10/\$8 adv., 8 p.m.

Three Lansing-based bands are set to perform a year-end show Dec. 30 at the Loft. The bill features Mr. Denton on Doomsday, Odds Fish and Hut Two Hike. Since the experimental hard-rock band's 2009 debut, "The Mouse Circus" LP, Mr. Denton has been a fixture in the local music scene. With influences ranging from the funkier sounds of Incubus and the Red Hot Chili Peppers to the dark riffing of Black Sabbath and King Crimson, the group has scored opening slots at big shows, including dates alongside the Misfits, Candlebox, Saliva and Sponge. The four-piece has also toured the country, performing at iconic venues like Whisky a Go Go in Los Angeles and the Beat Kitchen in Chicago. In June 2014, the band released its second LP, "Origami Trail."

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.	Wahya's (FREE), 8 p.m.	Icy/Dacey (FREE), 8 p.m.	Orphan's Xmas
Buddies - Holt, 2040 N Aurelius Rd			Alistair, 9 p.m.	
Buddies - Okemos, 1937 W Grand River Ave			Mark Sala, 9 p.m.	
Classic Bar & Grill, 16219 Old US 27			Lee Groove, 9 p.m.	
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.		Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		
Colonial Bar, 3425 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd		Open Mic, 9 p.m.	Straight Up, 9 p.m.	
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jeremy Kratkey, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	
Eaton Rapids Craft Co., 204 N Main St.			Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.	Christmas Karaoke, 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.	12 Bar Funk, 9:30 p.m.	
Gallery Brewery, 142 Kent St.		Open Mic, 7 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.		
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 Michigan Ave.,			Chris Laskos, 5:30 p.m.	
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.			LandoH / Captain Boom, 7:30 p.m.	
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Kathleen and the Bridge St. Band, 9 p.m.	Rotations, 9 p.m.	Twyla Birdsong Band, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road			Steve Cowles, 8 p.m.	
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27			Life Support, 7 p.m.	
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.			The New Rule, 8 p.m.	
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.		Miranda & the M80's, 4 p.m.	HomeSpun, 4 p.m.	
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Frog & the Beeftones, 9 p.m.	
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 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.		

LIVE & LOCAL LISTS UPCOMING GIGS!

To get listed email allison@lansingcitypulse.com. Only submit for the upcoming week's shows.

Out on the town

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N. East St., Lansing.

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.

CADL South Lansing Holiday Open House & Reindeer Visit. Meet live reindeer and enjoy holiday festivities. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

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, ladiesilverblades.com.

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

415 E. Maple St., Mason.

Play with a Purpose. Toddlers talk, read, sing, write and play. 1-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

Tabletop RPG Night. Tabletop RPG games with classic pen and paper. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351.

Winter Break Party. All-day activities for ages 6-10. Email tshort@eatoncounty.org. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$25. Lincoln Park, 620 W. Shepher St., Charlotte. EatonCountyParks.org.

Friday, December 23

EVENTS

Festival of Trees. Showcase of holiday trees. Noon-8 p.m. \$5/kids FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing.

Oops!

Last week, we mistakenly ran the crossword clues with the previous week's puzzle. Below, find the correct puzzle for last week, as well as this week's regular puzzle. We apologize for the error!

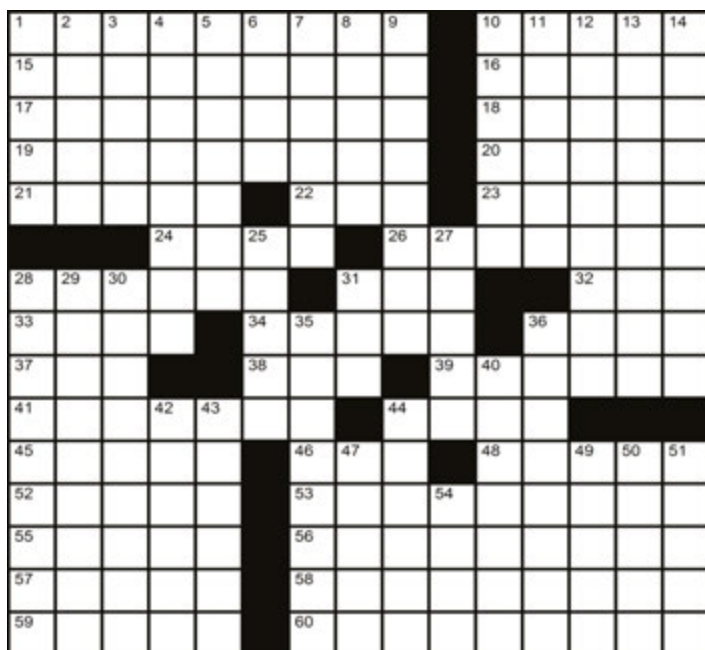
Jonesin' Crossword 1

By Matt Jones

"Make It Work"—a freestyle puzzle full of style.
Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Divisions of "The Hunger Games" series
- 10 One-named R&B singer with the hit "1, 2 Step"
- 15 Unaware
- 16 Historic account
- 17 1990 Warrant hit that was overplayed on MTV, but banned by Canada's Much-Music
- 18 Urban Dictionary fodder
- 19 Need to unwind
- 20 So last week
- 21 Strong quality
- 22 Home to part of Lake Tahoe, for short
- 23 Essence from rose petals
- 24 "Guarding ____" (1994 Nicolas Cage movie)
- 26 Nearby
- 28 Put the ____ on (squelch)
- 31 Bezos or Buffett, e.g.
- 32 Enjoy Mt. Hood, say
- 33 Eerie sign
- 34 Phone setting
- 36 Accessories often gifted in June
- 37 Bait shop purchase
- 38 1958-61 polit. alliance
- 39 "Nature ____ a vacuum"
- 41 Put under a spell
- 44 "Star Trek: TNG" counselor Deanna
- 45 South African play-



- wright Fugard
- 46 Potential Snapchat debut of 2017
- 48 Track on a compilation album, maybe
- 52 "____ More" (Backstreet Boys song)
- 53 Broadcast
- 55 Chronicler of Don Juan
- 56 Exploiting, in England
- 57 Orange Free State colonizers
- 58 Cheapen
- 59 Chimichanga ingredient
- 60 Protectors of the orbs?
- Down**
- 1 Obiten ____
- 2 "____ Life: The John Lennon Story" (2000 TV biopic)
- 3 Mushroom features
- 4 Like some cranes
- 5 Bumps an R down to a PG-13, perhaps
- 6 Peaceful poem
- 7 Barnyard fowls
- 8 Troika
- 9 More questionable, maybe
- 10 1980s defense secretary Weinberger
- 11 Tardy
- 12 Phish lead vocalist Trey
- 13 Rifle-man?
- 14 Suspected Soviet spy of the McCarthy era
- 25 Title sheep in a wordless Aardman movie
- 27 Fenway star Garciparra
- 28 Bulgogi or galbi, e.g.
- 29 "Can't fool me!"
- 30 Source for wood used in Budweiser fermentation tanks
- 31 Ride, perhaps
- 35 Tropics definer
- 36 2016 NBC family drama full of surprise moments
- 40 Original host of "This Old House"
- 42 What some ribbons denote
- 43 Spanish Formula One racer Fernando
- 44 "I Want ____!" (1958 Susan Hayward film)
- 47 "Freek-A-Leek" rapper Pablo
- 49 Basketball Hall-of-Famer Thomas
- 50 Al ____ (pasta request)
- 51 Neatens a lawn
- 54 Transportation to Tel Aviv

FRIDAY, DEC. 23 >> UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND KARAOKE PARTY

In recent years, ugly holiday sweaters have become virtually inescapable, with contests for the most garish getups cropping up in workplaces, holiday parties and even bars. Old Town's Esquire Bar hosts its own ugly sweater contest Friday, with all-night karaoke to go along with it. The owner of the best (worst?) sweater wins a \$50 cash prize. The Esquire also offers drink specials and hors d'oeuvres for the evening. Attendees must be 21 or older. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Esquire Bar, 1250 Turner St., Lansing. ow.ly/TWTq307auDV.

Saturday, December 24

EVENTS

Playmakers Holiday Classic 5K. Proceeds to charity. 9 a.m. \$25. Eagle Eye Golf Club, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. runsignup.com/holidayclassic.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Lessons, carols and mediation. 6-7 p.m. Christ Community Church, 227 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing. (517) 482-0600, christcommunitylansing.org.

Sunday, December 25

EVENTS

XMAS Day Yoga for Homeless Angels. Free yoga with donations accepted for those in need. FREE, donations welcome. East Lansing Hot Yoga, 924 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing. ow.ly/WgXw307a87h.

Blue Christmas Service. Service of comfort, loss and hope. 10-11 a.m. Christ Community Church, 227 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 482-0600, christcommunitylansing.org.

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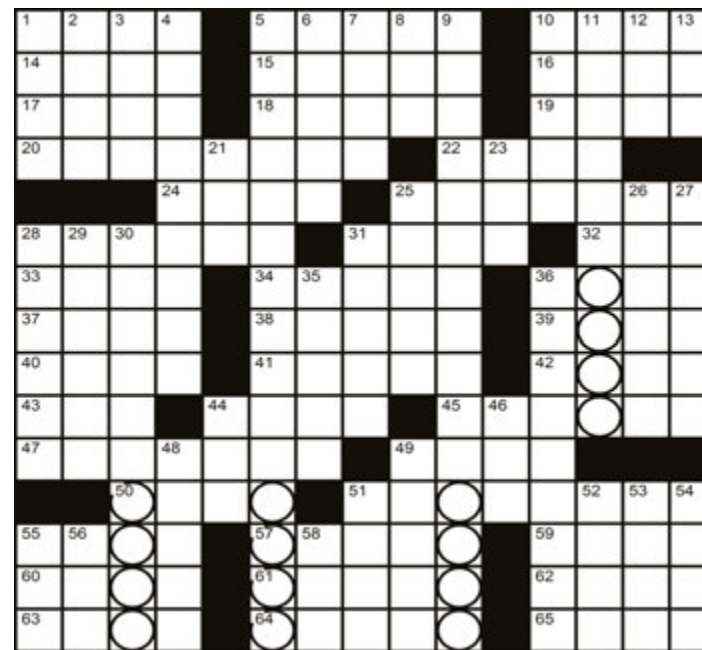
Jonesin' Crossword 2

By Matt Jones

"Four on the Floor"—putting your order down.
Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Pound cake ingredients
- 5 Like apples ready to bake
- 10 Torre pendente di ____ (European landmark, to locals)
- 14 Short pants?
- 15 Speed skater ____ Anton Ohno
- 16 "SVU" part
- 17 Diamond's diametric opposite on the Mohs scale
- 18 Former Orange Bowl site
- 19 Walk back and forth
- 20 Cut ties with, on social media
- 22 I'd be lion if I said it
- 24 Lane who sang with Xavier Cugat
- 25 Title for several Trump cabinet picks
- 28 Musical miscellany
- 31 Indeterminate quantity
- 32 Corp.'s stock market debut
- 33 Nondairy dairy case item
- 34 Buccaneers' bay
- 36 Pack away
- 37 1040 filers
- 38 Cheri once of "SNL"
- 39 Olympic vehicle
- 40 Find loathsome
- 41 Clip joint?
- 42 Like eight
- 43 Pokemon protagonist
- 44 Like some trees or



- tales
- 45 Like old rawhide bones
- 47 Pacific salmon variety
- 49 Cutty ____ (Scotch whisky)
- 50 Keystone's place
- 51 Wendi ____-Covey of "The Goldbergs"
- 55 Benjamin Netanyahu's nickname
- 57 Non-literal expression
- 59 Christmas lights location
- 60 Menaces to hobbits
- 61 Bourne of "The Bourne Ultimatum"
- 62 It has its points
- 63 Hotel counts
- 64 1997 environmental treaty site
- 65 "Note to ____ ..."
- 27 Bottom-of-the-line
- 28 Coffee orders
- 29 Ciudad Juarez neighbor
- 30 Item that plays "Soul Meets Body," for short?
- 31 Catch a whiff of
- 35 "____ of Two Cities"
- 36 Smooth quality
- 44 Clue hunter, informally
- 46 Political org. from 962 to 1806
- 48 Mr. Kringle
- 49 "Get outta here!"
- 51 Soybean soup
- 52 3/5, for example
- 53 Avocado shape
- 54 Soft toy substance
- 55 Literature Nobel Dylan
- 56 Burning anger
- 58 Box on a calendar point from earth

Out on the town

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Monday, December 26

EVENTS

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 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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.

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

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

coda.org.

Overeaters 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.

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Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. Hone your speaking and leadership skills. 7-8:30 a.m. MICA Gallery, 1210 N. Turner St., Lansing.

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Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

EVENTS

Festival of Trees. Showcase of holiday trees. 1-7 p.m. \$5/kids FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing.

12-Step Meeting. AA/NA/CA all welcome. In room 209. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Cristo

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SATURDAY, DEC. 24 >> PLAYMAKERS HOLIDAY CLASSIC 5K FUN RUN/WALK

One way to keep warm in the winter is to keep active, and one place to do that is the Playmakers Holiday Classic 5K Fun Run/Walk Saturday. The race raises money for three local charities: the Aitch Foundation, the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Conquest Health and Fitness Foundation. Festive attire is encouraged, and awards are given out for the best Santa outfits, best holiday costumes and the most Spartan spirit. All participants get a cozy Playmakers winter hat. Prior to the race, at 8:45 a.m., there is a FREE 100 meter Spartan Sprint for children 12 and under. 9 a.m. \$25/\$15 students in advance, \$30 day of race. Eagle Eye Golf Course, 15500 Chandler Road, Bath. runsignup.com/holidayclassic.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25 >> CHRISTMAS DAY YOGA FOR HOMELESS ANGELS

Local charity Homeless Angels teams up with East Lansing Hot Yoga to support the local homeless population. The organizations host a hot yoga session Christmas Day to raise funds, as well as other necessary items. While the event is free, donations of money (cash or check), food, hygiene supplies and clothes — especially winter clothes like hats, gloves, boots and coats — are encouraged. Hot yoga is practiced in a room around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and the class is suitable for beginners or experts. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. 10 a.m.-11:15 p.m. FREE, donations encouraged. East Lansing Hot Yoga, 924 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing. (517) 333-9642, ow.ly/h5iq307av7l.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

Dec. 21-27

ARIES (March 21-April 19): NPR's Scott Simon interviewed jazz pianist and songwriter Robert Glasper, who has created nine albums, won a Grammy, and collaborated with a range of great musicians. Simon asked him if he had any frustrations — "grand ambitions" that people discouraged him from pursuing. Glasper said yes. He'd really like to compose and sing hip-hop rhymes. But his bandmates just won't go along with him when he tries that stuff. I hope that Glasper, who's an Aries, will read this horoscope and take heart from what I'm about to predict: In 2017, you may finally get a "Yes!" from people who have previously said "No!" to your grand ambitions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Humans have drunk hot tea for over two millennia. Chinese emperors were enjoying it as far back as the second century B.C. And yet it wasn't until the 20th century that anyone dreamed up the idea of enclosing tea leaves in convenient one-serving bags to be efficiently brewed. I foresee you either generating or stumbling upon comparable breakthroughs in 2017, Taurus. Long-running traditions or customs will undergo simple but dramatic transformations that streamline your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "What you do is what counts and not what you had the intention of doing," said Pablo Picasso. If I had to choose a single piece of advice to serve as your steady flame in 2017, it might be that quote. If you agree, I invite you to conduct this experiment: On the first day of each month, take a piece of paper and write down three key promises you're making to yourself. Add a brief analysis of how well you have lived up to those promises in the previous four weeks. Then describe in strong language how you plan to better fulfill those promises in the coming four weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): During the campaign for U.S. President in 1896, Democratic candidate William Jennings Bryan traveled 18,000 miles as he made speeches all over the country. But the Republican candidate, William McKinley, never left his hometown of Canton, Ohio. He urged people to visit him if they wanted to hear what he had to say. The strategy worked. The speeches he delivered from the front porch of his house drew 750,000 attendees and played an important role in his election. I recommend a comparable approach for you in the coming months, Cancerian. Invoke all your attractive power as you invite interested parties to come see you and deal with you on your home turf.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "Poetry is a way of knowledge, but most poetry tells us what we already know," writes poet Charles Simic. I would say the same thing about a lot of art, theater, film, music, and fiction: Too often it presents well-crafted repetitions of ideas we have heard before. In my astrological opinion, Leo, 2017 will be a time when you'll need to rebel against that limitation. You will thrive by searching for sources that provide you with novel information and unique understandings. Simic says: "The poem I want to write is impossible: a stone that floats." I say: Be on the lookout for stones that float.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The Economist magazine reports that if someone wanted to transport \$10 million in bills, he or she would have to use eight briefcases. Sadly, after evaluating your astrological omens for 2017, I've determined that you won't ever have a need for that many. If you find yourself in a situation where you must carry bundles of money from one place to another, one suitcase will always be sufficient. But I also want to note that a sizable stash of cash can fit into a single suitcase. And it's not out of the question that such a scenario could transpire for you in the coming months. In fact, I foresee a better chance for you to get richer quicker than I've seen in years.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): For a bald eagle in flight, feathers are crucial in maintaining balance. If it inadvertently loses a feather on one wing, it will purposely shed a comparable feather on the other wing. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, this strategy has

metaphorical meaning for your life in 2017. Do you want to soar with maximum grace and power? Would you like to ascend and dive, explore and scout, with ease and exuberance? Learn from the eagle's instinctual wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In August 2012, a group of tourists visited the Eldgja volcanic region in Iceland. After a while, they noticed that a fellow traveler was missing. Guides organized a search party, which worked well into the night trying to track down the lost woman. At 3 a.m., one of the searchers suddenly realized that she herself was the missing person everyone was looking for. The misunderstanding had occurred many hours earlier because she had slipped away to change her clothes, and no one recognized her in her new garb. This is a good teaching story for you to meditate on in 2017, Scorpio. I'd love to see you change so much that you're almost unrecognizable. And I'd love to see you help people go searching for the new you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In 2017, you will be at the peak of your ability to forge new alliances and deepen existing alliances. You'll have a sixth sense for cultivating professional connections that can serve your noble ambitions for years to come. I encourage you to be alert for new possibilities that might be both useful for your career and invigorating for your social life. The words "work" and "fun" will belong together! To achieve the best results, formulate a clear vision of the community and support system you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Capricorn writer Edgar Allan Poe has been an important cultural influence. His work appears on many "must-read" lists of 19th-century American literature. But during the time he was alive, his best-selling book was not his famous poem "The Raven," nor his short story "The Gold-Bug," nor his novel The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket. Rather, it was The Conchologist's First Book, a textbook about mollusk shells, which he didn't actually write, but merely translated and edited. If I'm reading the astrological omens correctly, 2017 will bring events to help ensure that your fate is different from Poe's. I see the coming months as a time when your best talents will be seen and appreciated better than ever before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "My goal is to create a life that I don't need a vacation from," says motivational author Rob Hill Sr. That's an implausible dream for most people. But in 2017, it will be less implausible than it has ever been for you Aquarians. I don't guarantee that it will happen. But there is a decent chance you'll build a robust foundation for it, and thereby give yourself a head start that enables you to accomplish it by 2019. Here's a tip on how to arouse and cultivate your motivation: Set an intention to drum up and seek out benevolent "shocks" that expand your concepts of who you are and what your life is about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The birds known as winter wrens live in the Puget Sound area of Washington. They weigh barely half an ounce, and their plain brown coloring makes their appearance unremarkable. Yet they are the avian equivalents of the opera star Pavarotti. If they weighed as much as roosters, their call would be ten times as strong as the rooster's cock-a-doodle-doo. Their melodies are rich and complex; one song may have more than 300 notes. When in peak form, the birds can unleash cascades at the rate of 36 notes per second. I propose that we make the winter wren your spirit animal in 2017, Pisces. To a casual observer, you may not look like you can generate so much virtuosity and lyrical power. But according to my analysis, you can.



SUNRIPE PRODUCE / SADDLEBACK BBQ

Alan I. Ross/City Pulse

Doug Salazar (left) and his sister, Elena Herrera, are two of the co-owners of Sunripe Produce, a new fresh produce market on Lansing's north side. The family business also employs their parents and two other sisters.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

In 2011, two Michigan State University professors used a mapping program to examine Metro Lansing pedestrian access to fresh produce. Aside from two dozen tiny splotches concentrated in the region's densest suburban areas, the entire map — running from Delta Township in the west to Williamston in the east and from Holt in the south to DeWitt in the north — was a sea of "little to no access," more or less confirming the capital city's designation as a "food desert." One of the study's conclusions was that less than 4 percent of the population lives within a 10-minute walk of a supermarket.

"I knew there was no access to fresh produce in this area, and I knew it was badly needed," said Doug Salazar, co-owner of **Sunripe Produce**, a new fresh produce market on Lansing's north side. "The way I see it, we're filling a community need."

Sunripe Produce opened Nov. 7 at 3322 N. East St. after months of renovation work to a building formerly home to a motorcycle shop. It's situated between the Creston and Northtown neighborhoods. The

closest grocery store, the Meijer on Lake Lansing Road, is a little over three miles away. Downtown's Lansing City Market is closer, but produce sellers have slowly left the building over the last five years.

"We haven't been open that long, but we're already getting a lot of people who are finding us, telling us they're so glad we're here," Salazar said. "A lot of it is (foot traffic), but there's also a lot of people who drive here who tell us they'll support us because we're a family business. It's good to know we're creating that kind of connection."

Sunripe's staff consists of Salazar's mother, his three sisters and his father, a longtime local wholesale vendor who worked for over 10 years at Van Houten Produce in south Lansing. Salazar said he and his father had often talked about opening their own store, with talk turning to action about six months ago.

"We just decided that if we kept talking about it, we'd never do it," Salazar said. "So we put all our hands in the pot, and here we are."

Sunripe's inventory includes traditional

produce — lettuce, cucumbers, onions, oranges and bananas — as well as slightly more exotic goods like yuccas and plantains. So far, the market's sales floor takes up only about a third of the building's 2,900-square-foot footprint. But Salazar has maximized his space to accommodate a number of fruits and vegetables, with a focus on Michigan-made goods like beans, apples, carrots and potatoes. But many items, mostly warm weather crops, still need to be imported. The inventory is purchased at Detroit's Eastern Market each Thursday, hand-picked by Salazar himself.

"I like that I can pick and chose what to sell and knowing where it comes from," he said. "If something doesn't look fresh, I just won't buy it, so sometimes we'll just be out of that item for the week. I only buy the best. It took a little while to understand some of the produce terms, but I've always liked the challenge of trying new things."

Before opening Sunripe, Salazar worked as a customer logistics manager for Ryder Integrated Logistics, a supplier for General Motors. Before that he spent eight years at Chuck E. Cheese on Lansing's west side, working his way up to a management position.

"I've never had a job where I haven't moved up within six months," Salazar said. "I've just always been driven to succeed. I always knew I would end up owning my own business someday. I'm just glad I got to do it here. I went to elementary school around the corner, and I went to middle school right up the road. I really like this area, and I don't see us leaving."

Salazar said he's been getting customer requests for grocery items such as canned goods, milk, eggs and meat, but for now the store will focus on produce. His goals are to eventually buy the building he's currently leasing, knock down some walls and expand the business. He's also interested in opening another location on the city's south side, another notorious food desert.

"Business has been picking up the more people find out we're here," Salazar

said. "And we recently started accepting EBT, which really helped us. I try to make sure that our prices are cheaper or at least the same price as Kroger and Meijer, and we've gotten a lot of compliments on that. It makes me happy to know that I'm part of the solution to a very complicated problem. There are a lot of struggling families who don't have much money in this area. If I can help them out, then I've done my job."

Saddleback to the future

Okemos may be getting in on the Metro Lansing barbecue boom. On Monday, the Meridian Township planning commission approved a special use permit for **Saddleback BBQ** to install a smoker at a proposed second location in Central Park Plaza, a mixed-use retail center at 1754 Central Park Drive near Meridian Mall. The building is also home to **Cancun Mexican Grill** and **Thai Princess**.

"Nothing's in stone just yet," said co-owner Matt Gillett. "We're just in the planning stages for now. There are still a few things that need to go our way, but we think we'd be a good fit for Okemos."

Saddleback opened in May 2015 at 1147 S. Washington Ave. in the heart of REO Town. Since then, **Sleepwalker Spirits & Ale**, **Blue Owl Coffee Co.**, a new restaurant called **Rusty Nail** and a food truck court in the parking lot of **Riverview Church** have all announced plans to join the historic retail district. Gillett said the bustle prompted him to look elsewhere for expansion plans before deciding to make any changes to the current store.

"There's so much going on here right now, we're just waiting for things to settle," Gillett said. "REO Town has grown like 400 percent within the last year. It's unbelievable."

Sunripe Produce
3322 N. East St., Lansing
9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
(517) 657-3892,
facebook.com/sunripeproduce

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Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.
Crafternoon. Bring your project and join us in the library Community Room. 1-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

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

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.

Speculative Book Discussion. "The Forest of Memory" by Mary Robinette Kowa. 6:30-8 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Winter Break Cinema. Today: Finding Dory (PG). 2-3:45 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

Winter Break Popcorn & Movie. Enjoy a G or PG-rated movie. 2-4 p.m. FREE. CADL Dansville, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville. (517) 623-6511.

Wednesday, December 28 EVENTS

Drop-in New Year's Eve Craft. Make a New Year's Eve hat (while supplies last). 10 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt.

Wonder Wednesday — Drop-in LEGO Club. Ages 4 and up play. 4-5 p.m. FREE. CADL Leslie, 201 Pennsylvania St., Leslie. (517) 589-9400.

Allen Market Place — Indoor Season. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/Bol130304VE.

Festival of Trees. Showcase of holiday trees. 1-7 p.m. \$5/kids FREE. Turner-Dodge House, 100 N. East St., Lansing.

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.

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.

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Soup Spoon Café anchors east side's dining scene

Much more than soup

By **MARK NIXON**

"When in doubt, quote Yogi Berra," an old newspaper buddy used to say. OK, here goes: "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded."

I give you Soup Spoon Café, an enduring treasure of the local dining scene. In recent weeks, I've feasted on breakfast, lunch, dinner (and takeout) a total of seven times. Each time, the place was packed or quickly filling up.

Soup Spoon's expansive menu crackles with unexpected flavors and textures. Every gem has its flaws, of course, and I'll get to those in a moment. But first, let me indulge in tasting, all over again, some of the best bites in town.

The Yooper Benny (\$10) is a Northern Michigan-inspired take on eggs Benedict, featuring poached eggs and a fillet of pan-fried fresh walleye on English muffins, all drizzled with tarragon-lemon aioli. Yoopers call their part of the state "God's country." The Yooper Benny earns a spot in my Yooper Heaven.

Next up is the lamb with feta cheese soup (\$3). My instincts told me that combining these bold flavors inside a soup would result in a zero-sum game. My instincts were wrong. The lamb and feta flavors both shone through brilliantly.

The San Diego (\$8) is another Benedict-like breakfast. It features poached eggs atop English muffins and avocado. To seal the deal, it comes liberally splashed with hollandaise sauce laced with tomatoes and ancho pepper.

Then there's the pork schnitzel (\$19). This lightly breaded cutlet gets a tremendous flavor boost from a demi-glace of Dijon mustard and mushrooms. Mashed potatoes blended with gorgonzola and Dijon round out this exemplary dish.

The Soprano (\$8) is a salami sandwich, but so much more. Hard salami is embedded between two slices of focaccia with sun-dried tomatoes baked in. Add homemade pesto, provolone, tomato and what appeared to be lightly sautéed onion, and you've got yourself a heckuva sandwich.

The first time I ordered the lamb sliders (\$10), I didn't look carefully at the menu. I expected little lamb burgers. Instead, three little sliders held chunks of braised lamb, topped with a Greek yogurt-mint sauce and feta cheese. I should have ordered six, since my dining partner kept reaching for her fair share — and more.

Goat cheese points (\$8) are a familiar small plate standby in restaurants, but Soup Spoon takes you far and away from the ordinary. This dish starts with a sturdy French bread and quality goat cheese. Next comes fresh tomato, garlic and herbs, all splashed with a balsamic reduction. This simple dish is wow-worthy.

I often judge restaurant food with a simple question: Can I make this as well or better at home? For the examples above, my answer is probably not.

Here are a few items from Soup Spoon Café that, given time and effort, I can make better at home:

First up, the dill pickle soup (\$3 for a cup). I love dill. I love salt. (Thus, my need for high blood pressure medication). This soup was so over-the-top salty I had to send it

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Too big to fail

By **GABRIELLE JOHNSON LAWRENCE**

The Soup Spoon Café has become a quintessential Lansing dining spot and an integral part of Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood. It's a prime locale for awkward first dates, office holiday lunches and breakfast business meetings. Yet somehow, I've only been to this local institution a handful of times in the past few years. Greater Lansing's expanding dining scene means plenty of dinner options, and sometimes old favorites get overlooked in the search for something new. But the Soup Spoon still draws a crowd.

That popularity boom is great for the café and for the Lansing dining scene, but I fear that it has also resulted in the Soup Spoon's failure to constantly assess their dishes and make adjustments where necessary. During one of my own recent breakfast business meetings, I chose the Gabriel's Gone Veggie sandwich (\$8), partially because people think that Gabriel is my name on a daily basis (I've stopped trying with the Starbucks baristas) but mostly because I know this sandwich has been on the menu for years. I wanted to see if it stood the test of time.

I recently heard an interview with the food world's biggest jerk, Anthony Bourdain, where he discussed the attributes of a perfect hamburger. If it must have a tomato slice, he said, it should be a thin slice to prevent the "tectonic shift" that happens when you bite into an overstuffed sandwich. That brings us back to the Gabriel's Gone Veggie. There is a mound of stuff in the middle that falls out when you bite into it. The bread is nothing to be proud of, thin grocery store-style bread

that starts to disintegrate in your hand. I scraped the filling — a fried egg, grilled peppers and onions, avocado, tomato, and provolone — onto my hash browns, which were overcooked, and left the bread behind.

On a dinner visit, Mr. She Ate and I started with the lamb sliders. We loved the aioli and the toasty texture of the bread, but the lamb was lacking the telltale grassy, rich lamb flavor that I was expecting. I followed that with the salmon (\$20), which, since the implosion of Copper at Walnut Hills, might now reign as the best salmon in town. It was lightly breaded with panko — Japanese-style bread crumbs, instead of the more common and heavier Italian style — and topped with a roasted sweet potato cream sauce and candied gingered pecans, which were delicious and unexpected. The only thing I didn't care for was the accompanying rice pilaf. There was nothing offensive about it, but I would have preferred a double portion of the seasonal vegetables — perfectly roasted kale, bitter greens and artichoke hearts.

Service was slow. I had to leave for a client meeting and abandoned my husband with his Voodoo Pasta (\$18) and the check. The pasta is another Soup Spoon tradition, shrimp tossed with peppers and onions over linguini and a cream sauce. The sauce seems to have gotten incrementally spicier over the years, and it pushed his limits of comfort.

On another visit, a girlfriend and I started with the goat cheese points (\$8) as an appetizer. The tanginess of the balsamic vinegar paired perfectly with the cheese and made for a simple and sophisticated dish. I wanted to give the lamb another chance, so I ordered the lamb meatballs (\$17). While I'm happy to see so many lamb options on the menu, and I wonder if that's a nod to the Greek heritage of the owner, the lamb meatballs were so mild in flavor that I would have believed that they were beef. I liked the accompanying orzo, and the feta crumbled on top was a perfect flavor complement, but the Brussels

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Soup Spoon Café

7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-midnight Friday; 8 a.m.-midnight Saturday; closed Sunday
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377,
soupspooncafe.com



Despite its broth-centric name, Soup Spoon Café offers a wide variety of dining options, including pasta specials (left) and lamb sliders.



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away. I couldn't taste the dill. A pity. My guess is that the soup base was allowed to cook down to a concentrate, turning it into a virtual salt mine.

Next, the Maryland blue crab cakes (\$10). I have yet to find good crab cakes in a restaurant west of the Appalachians or east of the Rockies. Restaurants seem bent on making crab cakes more about the cake and less about the crab. Filler first, crab a distant second. Soup Spoon falls in line with that philosophy. As I write this, my stomach is digesting crab cakes that my East Coast-dwelling daughter overnighted us. They were incredible. They came with a note that said sometimes you have to reshape them by hand because they consist mostly of crab meat with little filler. The way God intended.

Finally, a nit pick. Soup Spoon should shop around for the best baguettes it can find. Some baguette slices I tasted

were appropriately crispy on the outside and chewy beneath the crust. But my French dip sandwich (\$8) used a sub-par baguette with little crunch or chew.

A few words are in order about Soup Spoon's ambience and service. From its tile floors and arched windows to its odd fascination with fishing lures, Soup Spoon has "casual" down to an art form. On any given night, you're likely to see long-haired hipsters rubbing shoulders with suited guys who look straight out of "Mad Men." There are young families at one table and staff from nearby Sparrow Hospital in scrubs one table over.

In short, the place is democracy extant, where all are welcome. The waitstaff reflects the welcoming atmosphere, friendly but not fawning, attentive but not so much that you feel rushed.

And now I learn the owner of Soup Spoon, Nick Gavrilides, has taken over Gracie's Place in Williamston, rebranding it as Gracie's Contemporary Bistro. If he works some Soup Spoon magic at Gracie's, Williamston is in for a treat.

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sprouts on the side were a miss. They were limp and mushy and needed at least ten more minutes in the oven to crisp them up.

My friend chose the seasonal pasta (\$19), a thick pappardelle noodle tossed with seared scallops, mushrooms, spinach and an asiago and truffle cream sauce. It was heavenly. My restaurant philosophy of ordering only things that I couldn't or don't want to make at home frequently guides me away from pasta dishes, but this one tested my mettle. The sauce was full of so much flavor, the scallops had a perfect sear and the noodles had enough texture to stand up to the other components of the dish. It inspired me to make shrimp and linguini at home the next day, and as I twirled my fork, I daydreamed of my own truffle-hunting pig waiting under

the Christmas tree.

From days when I used to frequent the Spoon, I remember the bread pudding (\$6) being enviable. This is absolutely still the case. The dish is perfectly portioned to share — dinner daters take note — and it is laced with cinnamon so fragrant that you can smell it as the server approaches your table. The rum sauce is the glory of the Soup Spoon, and is so buttery and indulgent. I've said for years that this is one of the best desserts in town, and I challenge anyone to name one that's better.

We also tried the grilled three cheese & tomato sandwich (forgettable) and the Cubano sandwich (an unorthodox spin, but one that we enjoyed), but I'm running out of room. To continue my reunion tour with the Spoon, I'll go back and order the Johnny Cakes, a unique breakfast option comprising cornmeal pancakes with jalapeno and topped with smoked salmon. And in 2017, I'll resolve to visit the Spoon more than once every other year.

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Decembers are always jam packed. There's gift shopping, holiday concerts, family gatherings, charity events and so on and so forth. When I get home most evenings, I'm exhausted and more than happy to fork out a few bucks for someone else to make me some food.

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ban Sandwich Shop & Deli. I opted for the Media Noche (the Midnight), a traditional Cuban sandwich with roasted pork, ham, Swiss cheese, onion, mus-

really coming down, I had no desire to venture out into it. So I fired up GrubHub and tapped out an order from Jose's Cu-

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