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## Factions not gone

As to the Lansing City Council 'factions' disappearing (with the exception of Carol Wood) be assured that the factions still exist, like the cancer they are, only in remission.

To recap, Council members Quinney, Washington, Boles and ex-Council member Jeffries regularly voted with anti-Bernero Wood in blockading city progress ala Republicans nay-saying President Obama on the national level.

But think ahead, my fellow political Chess players. There will be an election in 2015 of Council members and guess who is on the ballot.

Sure enough, it's Wood, Quinney, Washington and Boles. And guess who doesn't want the Bernero machine doing to them what it did to Jeffries last election. You guessed it. All of them! With the exception of bull-headed Wood, the 3 Wood puppets still on Council have seen the light. They are merely distancing themselves from Wood and putting on the mask of be-nice-to-the-Mayor, at least until the '15 Election passes.

After the election, if the three are somehow reelected, believe me, the cancer will flare up again with a vengeance and Lansing will suffer profusely.

The electorate of Lansing should

not be fooled by this temporary respite of the DINO-Republican faction on City Council.

Every true Democrat needs to get to the polls to oust all four. Only then will the cancer be completely eradicated.

Only then will Lansing's progress look like it did when Wood was a minority leader and not the head of the Obstructionist faction we have had until recently.

Shhhh. The faction is not dead. It's just asleep.

For now.

—Willy Williams  
Lansing

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## THIS WEEK



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- Jeffrey Hank, attorney and 8th District congressional candidate
- Gregory Fink, Prep4ItNow campaign volunteer
- Dwayne Riley, Prevention Coordinator for the Lansing Area AIDS Network

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# NEWS & OPINION

## Refugee kids to Lansing?

Much attention is swirling around the “humanitarian crisis” at the nation’s borders — droves of unaccompanied minors from Central America entering the country, seeking refugee status that is likely to bring many to mid-Michigan.

Most children are fleeing gang recruitment and escalating violence from powerful drug cartels in countries like El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

“Central America has descended into absolute chaos,” said Ryan Bates, director of the non-profit civil rights organization Michigan United. “These kids are coming from horrible situations where they’re trying to escape gangs or they’ve seen their families killed.”

The Department of Homeland Security reports that about 52,000 children have been apprehended at the southwest border by agents since October — almost double the amount from the previous year.

So long as they are not Mexican or Canadian, unaccompanied children who enter the U.S. illegally can be held in custody by the federal government for up to 72 hours. After that, they are transferred to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, where they are then placed in temporary shelters where they await foster care, a family member or a relative who can “claim”

them or deportation.

Michigan houses two of the nation’s 22 shelter programs for unaccompanied refugee minors: Lutheran Social Services in Lansing and Bethany Christian Services in Grand Rapids.

Bates said that because Michigan plays a large role in offering shelter programs, the influx of children at the nation’s southwest border will be felt here as well.

“A crisis like this strips resources from social services,” he said. How much Michigan will be affected, however, is unknown — officials have been guarded at best in discussing the matter.

On Friday, Michigan United and Michigan Immigrant Right Center hosted an emergency conference call to coordinate an advocacy response about “the emerging issues for immigrant children,” but it was closed to the media.

Representatives from Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and Bethany Christian Services said they were unable to release data on unaccompanied minor children they house or comment on the Central American surge of children without authorization.

“The federal government has asked us to not talk about the increase in numbers or the humanitarian crisis at the border,” said Diane Baird, program manager of Lutheran Social Services.

While she could not comment on the potential effects on resources the Central American surge may have, Baird did say that refugee populations in general have a natural “ebb and flow” which don’t necessarily constitute a long-term strain.

“We had a large number of Southern Sudanese who came in 2000 and

2001, then we had a wave of Burmese children,” she said. “Now we’ve got referrals from the Democratic Republic of Congo. It fluctuates.”

Susan Reed, supervising attorney at Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, said one of the biggest needs for immigrant children is legal counsel.

As soon as they are in U.S. custody, unaccompanied minors are under removal proceedings. They are not offered or provided legal counsel, so their only access to representation to fight their deportation is via nonprofit organizations and pro bono work.

“There’s a lot of misinformation out there — a lot of buzz that we don’t deport unaccompanied minors,” Reed said.

If children successfully fight pending deportations to obtain refugee status, the fight for resources doesn’t stop there. Among other things, they need cultural guidance, access to English tutoring and counseling to cope with the psychological issues of fleeing unspeakable violence and assimilating into a new country.

“Can you imagine the trauma that’s induced for those kids after traveling 2,000 miles — the nightmares?” said Jane White, director of Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force. “Even if they get to foster care safely the story’s not over.”

If these children’s stories cross through Michigan, Baird said, the area’s history of diversity and accepting refugee populations should at least steer them toward a good ending.

“Historically, Lansing and the mid-Michigan area have been very welcoming,” she said.

—Becky McKendry



**Property:** 123 S. Washington Square (Rouser Building), Lansing

While this building is showing its age in some minor details, it remains a graceful presence along South Washington Square. Despite its prominent corner location, the building’s eye-catching neighbors easily divert attention from its primary façade, composed of glazed white brick. Its ornamental terra cotta features are more restrained than those on the exuberant Strand Building to the south. Nevertheless, the details are noteworthy, from the egg and dart cornices to the garland swags in the upper frieze.

The history of this building may be read in two other terra cotta embellishments. The custom nameplate displayed high on the main elevation identifies this building as the former C. J. Rouser Drug Co. Directly below, a mortar and pestle detail attests to the building’s historic use.

Further below, two round-top windows, paired with flanking rectangular units, complete the upper façade. Although the rounded portion of each window is filled with a solid panel, the basic form of the Palladian assembly remains. The heavy window cornices rest on pulvinated friezes that press outward as if squashed by the weight of the structure above. Delicate Ionic columns, which are identified by the curled volutes in the capitals, complete the elaborate window compositions.

—Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

## PrEP-aring for action

**Newly launched campaign blends HIV education, online outreach with local events**

Monday marked the launch of PrEP4ITNow, an online campaign stressing the importance of HIV testing, status awareness and prevention education.

The campaign’s official website, PrEP4ItNow.com, showcases information on prevention methods and videos from community members like Gregory Fink, who have been tested. It is a project of the weekly LGBT newspaper Between the Lines and various nonprofit organizations, in anticipation of National HIV Testing Day on Friday.

“Oftentimes, people think the only option is to only use condoms when there are other prevention options out there for them,” said Dwayne Riley, prevention coordinator at the Lansing Area AIDS Network.

The campaign takes its name from one of these options, arguably one of the biggest prevention breakthroughs in the history of the HIV virus — pre-exposure prophylaxis, also known as PrEP.

That prevention strategy involves HIV-negative in-

dividuals who may be at high risk of contracting the virus taking the daily drug Truvada. It can prevent transmission of the virus by 90 percent or better, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“There are many prevention tools that people aren’t aware of,” Riley said. “It’s about choices.”

From 4 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, HIV testing will be available at Diversity Psychological Services at 1310 Turner St. in Lansing. At Esquire Club, local drag performers Delicious and Cheetah will host bingo from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., followed by trivia until 9 p.m. After the trivia contest, Spiral Video and Dance Bar will host its regular weekly drag show.

Riley called the mix of entertainment, social media and community involvement a prime opportunity to reach out to people all across the area.

“This helps engage people and allows them to be a part of prevention in a more interactive way,” he said.



Fink

—Becky McKendry

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All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing or submit written comments to Lansing Parks and Recreation, 200 N. Foster Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912

BRETT KASCHINSKE, DIRECTOR, PARKS AND RECREATION – 483-4042

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On June 18, 2014, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road  
Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court  
Hope Borbas Okemos Branch Library, 4321 Okemos Road  
Haslett Branch Library, 1590 Franklin Street  
Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road  
Snell Towar Recreation Center, 6146 Porter Ave.  
and the Township Web Site [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us).

**June 3, 2014 Regular Meeting**

ELIZABETH LEGOFF  
SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK  
CP#14\_172

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance

Date passed:  
Nature of the ordinance:

June 17, 2014  
An ordinance amending the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, by amending Chapter 58 to add Article IV entitled "Snow Emergency." This ordinance allows for removal of parked and stalled motor vehicles from streets in the Township during heavy snowfall or ice when such vehicles would impede snow removal operations.

Full text available at:

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Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct.  
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The Township Website [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us)

ELIZABETH LEGOFF  
SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK  
CP#14\_173

# Objection! To city's lawyer



Yeadon



Hank

**Petition drive seeks to mandate a legal department in East Lansing, rather than contracting it out to private firm**

In a fight with personal overtones and political consequences, a group of East Lansing residents wants to replace the private law firm that handles the city's legal business with a government legal office.

Attorney Jeffrey Hank, an East Lansing resident and congressional candidate for Michigan's 8th District, has submitted nearly 2,300 signatures to the East Lansing city clerk to revise the city charter and require the city's legal representation to be in-house. Tom Yeadon, an attorney with the East Lansing-based McGinty, Hitch, Housefield, Person, Yeadon & Anderson law firm, is contracted by the city to represent it in legal matters. The city is budgeting \$479,400 for legal services in the coming fiscal year.

"I really despise Tom Yeadon," Hank says, but it's not the reason for his initiative. He says he wants to eliminate the potential for conflicts of interest.

Yeadon's firm has a decades-long history with the city. Dennis McGinty, a partner at the firm, was an assistant city attorney for East Lansing between 1969 and 1973 and then city attorney from 1973 to 2012. Yeadon was assistant city attorney from 1985 to 2012 before he took over as city attorney. The City Council approves the contract.

Yeadon said the latest three-year contract is set to expire June 30, 2015. It bills the city at hourly rates that vary from \$67.50 to \$132. The budget projection is an estimate of expected costs.

Of the signatures Hank and team have collected, roughly 1,200 — 5 percent of qualified and registered voters — must be valid. City Clerk Marie Wicks has 45 days to review the signatures that were turned in on June 17, but she expects to finish canvassing them this week.

"I've been talking about reforming the city attorney's office for years," Hank said.

Hank doesn't know whether a legal department would save money. His concern

is potential conflicts of interest.

"Whenever you have a private law firm like this, you don't know who else it's representing," Hank said. "We're asking that the city attorney works exclusively for the city."

Hank is joined in his efforts by Phil Bellfy, a retired Michigan State University professor of American Studies and American Indian Studies.

Bellfy told the State News recently: "We have no way of knowing if the work they are doing privately has any conflict with the city. The way the ethics ordinance of East Lansing is worded, the city must avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest."

But Yeadon dismisses both arguments. He says petition organizers are not factoring in other costs for operating a law department, such as health benefits, pensions, staff and equipment. Yeadon also said that some cities with in-house counsel only rely on them for city work (reviewing contracts, drafting ordinances) but not prosecution. The McGinty Law Firm does both for East Lansing. He also said the firm, having worked for the city for decades, brings experience that a new team wouldn't.

He estimated that about three or four times a year, the firm hands cases over to neighboring law departments — such as Meridian Township or Lansing — if there's an appearance of a conflict. Also, the City Council was scheduled Tuesday night to appoint an outside attorney from the Miller Canfield Law Firm to assist with reviewing the petition drive.

"It's not a money-saving proposition," Yeadon said, adding that the City Charter already allows the Council to create an in-house department if it chooses.

"It's a nonsensical argument to say that by virtue of the fact we represent private clients" that there would be the appearance of a conflict of interest, Yeadon added.

Hank has told local media that his congressional opponent, Ingham County

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# Counsel

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Treasurer Eric Schertzing, has signed the petition. So has Bob Alexander, who ran for the 8th Congressional seat in 2006 and 2008 and who is closely involved with Democratic Party politics.

The Schertzing campaign on Tuesday could neither confirm nor deny that he had signed the petition. Alexander on Monday said, "I signed the petition not knowing much about it."

Mark Meadows, a former East Lansing mayor and state representative, joined the fray when he called the petition drive "BS" on Facebook. Meadows studied the same issue about 16 years ago when he got started on the Council and found that there wouldn't be any cost savings by creating an in-house legal department.

"When it was over, I was convinced I was wrong," Meadows said. "It would have cost us substantially more money to bring it in-house." Meadows later added in a Facebook comment: "I don't know what impact the old report would have on current costs."

Mayor Nathan Triplett said he's found that East Lansing pays \$9.88 per capita

for the legal services it receives, compared to \$14 per capita in Lansing and \$13 per capita in Jackson — both communities with in-house law departments. Triplett compared the budget appropriations for the full law department in those cities with the population.

"Not only would it not save money, but it would cost taxpayers more for legal services," Triplett said, adding that cities — similarly sized, bigger and smaller — across the state have used the same model as East Lansing with conflict of interest issues. "The argument about conflicts of interest doesn't hold water."

Meadows said there's a "hidden issue," which is the series of lawsuits filed by Hank against the city and Yeadon that were mostly unsuccessful. Meadows also suggested the petition drive is a "publicity stunt" for Hank to gain name recognition in his congressional campaign.

Hank responded that the suit isn't personal and that reforming the process has been his goal years before running for Congress. However, discussing the years of litigation he's brought against the city and of Yeadon personally, he admitted Monday that that's at least part of it: "They're trying to paint this as Phil and I being pissed off about litigation. I make no secret about it. In that sense, yes, the

in 2012 to improve oral healthcare in mid-Michigan and decrease visits to the emergency room for dental issues that cannot be treated there. It was inspired by a similar program implemented in Calhoun County five years ago. In that program's first three years, the county saw an 80 percent decrease in emergency room visits for dental problems.

After receiving \$90,000 in funding from various supporting organizations in the area, Care Free launched their pilot program in fall 2013 with seven dentists and 25 patients. They now have 700 patients on their waiting list.

"It is simple to understand and easy to see the benefit," Lantz said. "So it was easy for people to want to fund the project."

In addition to volunteer hours, patients are required to attend an oral health class to learn how to take care of their teeth and maintain their health once treatment is over. They also must agree to have two teeth cleanings a year with the dentist they are assigned to.

They are given two weeks to complete their volunteer hours before their appointment.

"(The volunteer hours) are intangible and we wouldn't have the service without this program," Lantz said.

— Alexa McCarthy

petition is meant to alleviate a particular problem with Tom Yeadon."

In this fiscal year, East Lansing budgeted \$475,375 for "corporate counsel." It spent \$462,830 in fiscal year 2012 and \$413,761 in fiscal year 2013.

"This is based on a philosophical idea of a private law firm receiving millions of dollars," Hank said, referring to the city's decades-long partnership with the firm.

For first-term City Councilwoman Ruth Beier, transparency issues are more important than cost. Beier signed the petition when she was running as a Council candidate.

"Theoretically I think it's a good idea," she said, adding that it was a general question of creating an in-house legal team and not directed at Yeadon in particular. "It's very hard for a firm to exist in East Lansing to represent the city and people or entities

that deal with the city that might have conflicting interests."

Beier also said that she isn't aware of any conflict of interest violations. "It may be a bigger problem theoretically than in actuality. I have not seen anything nefarious yet."

"I don't say this very often, but cost has to be secondary to transparency in this case."

But for another first-term Councilwoman, Susan Woods, that there have been no reported cases of conflict of interest suggests the process is fine as it is. "Has it happened? That's a very tenuous complaint. Of course (Yeadon) would recuse himself (if there is a conflict of interest). He's been on the up and up the whole time," Woods said.

She is still waiting to see whether any cost savings may surface before making a

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 3, 2014 the City of East Lansing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects:

**Hometown Housing Partnership, Inc. (Home Owner Rehabilitation Program) \$33,090** for the purpose of assisting low-moderate income home owners residing in the City of East Lansing with code violation corrections, weatherization and lead-based paint interim controls or abatement. The total program cost will be \$33,090 with repairs of up to \$24,999 per household. An estimated two households will be assisted in program year 2014, in the form of a partially-forgivable deferred loan.

**Hometown Housing Partnership, Inc., (Home Owner Assistance Program) \$55,670** for the purpose of repairs costing no more than \$5,000 per house to correct code violations to homes purchased through the downpayment assistance program or purchased for resale to an income-qualified household. Common repairs include plumbing and electrical code corrections. The target area for this activity is the Central, Red Cedar, Bailey and Southeast Marble neighborhoods. HHP, Inc. also provides downpayment assistance to income-qualified households, but this activity is categorically excluded from NEPA review and does not require a request for release of funds.

**CDBG Sidewalk Improvements \$60,655** for the purpose of reconstructing portions of existing sidewalk deemed hazardous and the installation of ADA ramps at critical intersections (along school walks, major street intersections) within the Bailey Neighborhood.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of East Lansing Planning and Community Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. All comments received by July 3, 2014 will be considered by the City of East Lansing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of East Lansing certifies to HUD that George Lahanas in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of East Lansing to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of East Lansing's certification received by July 18, 2014 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of East Lansing approved by HUD; (b) the City of East Lansing has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Detroit Area Office, Region V, 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

George Lahanas, City Manager  
City of East Lansing  
410 Abbot Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Date: June 26, 2014

# Work 4 hours, start to floss

## Volunteer dental program to become permanent fixture

Care Free Medical and Dental's Pay It Forward program, which trades volunteer hours for dental services, will be a permanent fixture within the next two months.

For a minimum of four hours of volunteer work, patients can get teeth cleanings, X-rays and a treatment plan from a dentist in the area — free of charge. If a patient needs more treatment, they can sign up for more volunteer hours.

Patients are able to choose from a wide variety of nonprofit organizations on a list provided for them, but they can volunteer anywhere as long as it's considered a nonprofit.

Michelle Lantz, project volunteer, said that many patients have often never volunteered before and are finding new value in helping others.

"They are oftentimes networking, finding possibilities to continue volunteering and maybe even finding a job, while also earning free dental treatment," Lantz said.

The idea for Pay It Forward began

## PUBLIC NOTICES

The Lansing Housing Commission (LHC) is seeking bids on a Door Project at our S. Washington Park building. Bid documents are available at LHC's Office, 419 Cherry Street, Lansing MI 48933, also at DLZ Michigan, Inc. 1425 Keystone Ave, Lansing MI 48911. They are also available on LHC's website Lanshc.org.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF MEETING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS TO DRAIN PROJECT MONTGOMERY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT (a/k/a MONTGOMERY DRAIN EXTENSION DRAINAGE DISTRICT)

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Montgomery Drain (a/k/a Montgomery Drain Extension) Drainage Board will meet on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Ingham County Human Services Building located at 5303 South Cedar Street, Conference Room D/E, Lansing, Michigan, 48911, for the purpose of hearing any objections to the proposed Montgomery Drain project, and the petition to maintain and improve the Drain as petitioned by the City of Lansing and County of Ingham, and to the matter of assessing the cost of the drain to the designated public corporations, pursuant to Section 467 of the Michigan Drain Code, as amended, MCL 280.467.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the costs for the Montgomery Drain will be assessed to the following public corporations located within the Montgomery Drain Drainage District:

City of Lansing  
City of East Lansing  
Charter Township of Lansing  
Ingham County  
Michigan Department of Transportation

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that after consideration of all objections to the project, the Drainage Board shall make a final determination as to the sufficiency of the petition; the practicability of the drain project; whether the drain project should be constructed; and, if so, the public corporations to be assessed. The Drainage Board shall then issue a Final Order of Determination.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: June 17, 2014

Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner and  
Chairperson of the Montgomery Drain (a/k/a  
Montgomery Drain Extension) Drainage Board  
CP#14\_167

### CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE

#### LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014 FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

To the qualified electors of the **CITY OF EAST LANSING**,  
Counties of INGHAM and CLINTON, State of Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTIES OF INGHAM AND CLINTON, AND THE CITY OF EAST LANSING, WILL HOLD AN ELECTION ON AUGUST 5, 2014.

**For the purposes of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties for the following partisan offices:**

Governor  
United States Senator  
Representative in Congress  
State Senator  
State Representative  
County Commissioner

**And to elect Delegates to the County Convention of the Democratic and Republican Parties.**

**Also to vote on the following proposals:**

**Proposal 14 -1  
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND  
REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE STATE  
TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS GROW AND CREATE JOBS**

**CAPITAL AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CATA) MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION**

**Monday, July 7, 2014 is the last day to register** or change your address for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election.

To register to vote, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office or your County or City Clerk during regular business hours.

Clerk's offices with qualified electors in East Lansing are at the following locations:

**East Lansing City Clerk, 410 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, 48823 319-6914**  
**Ingham County Clerk, 341 S. Jefferson, Mason, 48854 676-7201**  
**Ingham County Clerk, 313 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, 48933 483-6101**

The East Lansing City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For complete ballot wording, contact the East Lansing City Clerk at 517-319-6914 or log on to the Ingham County Clerk's website at [www.ingham.org](http://www.ingham.org) or Clinton County Clerk's website at [www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org).

Marie E. Wicks  
East Lansing City Clerk

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## Counsel

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final decision on supporting it.

Council members Kathleen Boyle and Diane Goddeeris were unavailable for comment.

City Pulse profiled Bellfy and Hank in a September 2012 story about a lawsuit they brought against Yeadon for allegedly violating the city's residency requirements. Hank said they dropped the case after Yeadon moved into the city from Okemos.

Additionally, Hank has represented clients in court on several matters against East Lansing involving alleged mailbox tampering and excessive citations for over-occupancy by code enforcement officials.

At the time, four separate cases were

pending in courts throughout the state. Hank and Bellfy also filed a complaint alleging an Open Meetings Act violation in 2012 in Circuit Court, but that was thrown out by Judge Clinton Canady III — and Bellfy and Hank were both sanctioned \$1,000 each for a letter Bellfy reportedly sent to McGinty saying he would tell the Federal Bureau of Investigation to back off a different investigation involving allegations of tax fraud.

Hank said on Monday that he no longer had any pending cases involving the city of East Lansing.

Ultimately, Yeadon has "a hard time believing" that the campaign isn't personal. "The way it's drafted, the emails I've gotten over the years, it appears to me it's clearly personal, clearly an attempt to get me out of the job."

—Andy Balaskovitz

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

**Notice is Hereby Given** that on Monday, July 7, 2014, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854. At that time and place, the Drain Commissioner will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Drainage Districts for the Drains listed below, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drains and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drains are located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description by section number of the lands proposed to be added or deleted in whole or in part include the following:

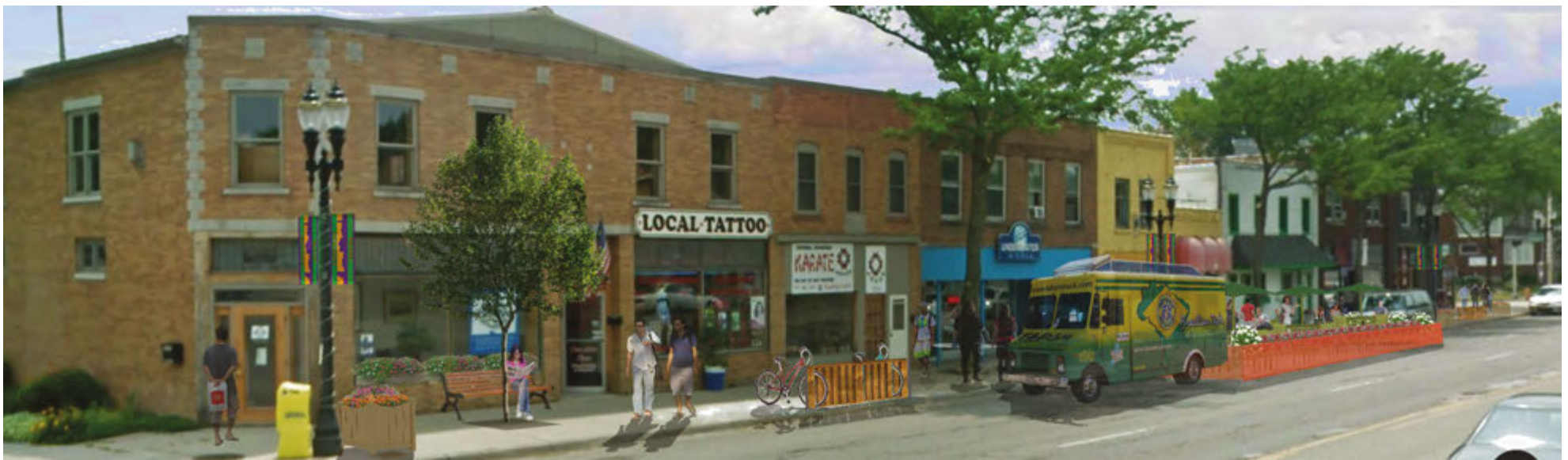
DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
ATZINGER DRAIN (A 12-00)	CITY OF WILLIAMSTON	2-3, 34-35
	WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	2-5, 9-10, 15-16
	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	32-35
BROWN DRAIN (B 19-00)	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	2-3, 9-11, 15-17, 21-22
GRETTEBERGER DRAIN (G 21-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	21
JACOBS LAKE DRAIN (J 02-00)	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP	3-5, 8-10, 15-17, 20-22, 27-29, 32
M. M. ROSE DRAIN (R 17-00)	STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP	9-10, 15-16, 21-22
MILLER DRAIN (M 22-00)	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	15-17, 20-22, 27-29
POVEY DRAIN (P 39-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	25, 36
	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	29, 31-32
PRIMEAU DRAIN (P 14-00)	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	36
	WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	5-6
	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	31-32
RIVER POINTE DRAIN (R 38-00)	DELHI TOWNSHIP	12
SANCTUARY DRAIN (S 02-00)	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	5
	CITY OF LANSING	4, 32
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	32
SMITH DRAIN (S 45-00)	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	3-5, 8-10
	CITY OF LANSING	3-5, 32
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	27-29, 32-34
STOWE DRAIN (S 29-00)	LEROY TOWNSHIP	26-27, 34
SUNWIND BRANCH OF THE SMITH DRAIN (S 45-04)	CITY OF LANSING	32
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	28-29, 32-33
WILSON DRAIN (W 24-00)	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	8-10, 15-17, 20-22, 27-28, 33-34

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 or the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. **You are Further Notified** that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner to add or delete property to or from a Drainage District may seek judicial review in the Ingham County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision.

June 18, 2014

Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner  
CP#14\_170





The 2000 block of Michigan Avenue will soon have parklets and banners announcing its new identity: East Town.

Illustration by Jack McDonough

# WELCOME TO EAST TOWN

Eastside businesses transform neighborhood into cultural hub

By **ALLAN I. ROSS**

Twenty years ago, Old Town wasn't Old Town. It was North Town, a Bohemian neighborhood that even the people who lived there called "seedy." Today, the quaint boutique district is home to art galleries, home decor stores, hair salons and a yoga studio. The New York Times even gave it a shout-out last year in an article about the Broad Art Museum. Old Town represent!

A similar transformation is well under way in REO Town a couple of miles to the south, while downtown Lansing has continued to draw large crowds, even if the focus there has shifted away from retail toward restaurants and bars. But hey, traffic is traffic.

## East Town Implementation Stage 2

8 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 28  
2000 block of Michigan Avenue, Lansing  
Free food and refreshments for volunteers  
Entertainment by Mighty Medicine

And with those three areas humming along, a fourth neighborhood is primed to join the ranks as the capital area's newest hotspot. A novel experiment on Lansing's east side has local businesses reaching out to their neighbors to forge a new(ish) identity for

the diverse neighborhood. That outreach involves transforming the block into a hub of social activity, including adding outdoor pianos, tables with umbrellas and the creation of "parklets" that will try to turn passerby into lollygaggers.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to East Town, Lansing's newest ... Town.

"(The east side) is a big, untapped resource," said Gil White, who's overseeing the project. "My role is just pulling pieces together. It's like a jigsaw puzzle."

White is coordinating the "lighter, quicker, cheaper" implementation of placemaking devices in the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue, between Fairview and Clemens avenues. He handpicked the site because of its proximity halfway between the Capitol and the campus of Michigan State University, the two biggest attractors of talent in mid-Michigan. East Town will serve as an oasis of activity, bridging the distance.

"It's a bottom-up form of placemaking," White said. "This is an experiment to see how much we can do with limited time and resources to create an identity. I thought with some umbrellas to sit under, some food trucks, we could turn this



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

Gil White is coordinating the implementation of the parklets and other placemaking features for the East Town roll-out.

into a destination."

A series of brainstorming sessions — a technique called charrettes, which condenses months of meetings into a single week — was held last year and earlier this year. Business owners and community members were brought together to think up ways to maximize a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund the Capitol Corridor project, intended to transform the stretch of Michigan and Grand River avenues between the Capitol and Webberville into a bustling center of activity. A rapid transit bus system is also part of the plan, which could debut as soon as 2017.

White said to be a success, this project will take the combined effort of municipalities, business districts and neighborhood associations working together. East Town is the first

blush of that type of effort.

"These things don't work in a vacuum," he said. "This isn't one and done. We're planting seeds here to see how this will evolve over time."

White is a consultant at the School of Planning Design and Construction at MSU and a representative for the Michigan Association of Realtors at Michigan Sense of Place Council. White's uncle is Al White, the developer of East Lansing's Whitehills neighborhood. He also owns Gilbert M. White Realtor Inc. and is a self-professed former "sprawl developer." He said he was approached by MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon to work with a target neighborhood near MSU to create "a world-class corridor."

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# East Town

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The School of Planning Design and Construction has been studying the project with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Two advanced degree students from MSU — Kevin McKenna and Jack McDonough — joined White in the East Town project. White's involvement is part of a career reboot following the recent economic crash.

"I had to reinvent myself rather late in life," said White, 61. "But I get to be a part of this project and see things happen instead of just being a study on a shelf. It's incredible watching the ideas bubble up."

Much of those ideas — including that East Town moniker — came from the small group of Eastside business operators who White approached: Dawne Botke, owner of the Triple Goddess Bookstore (located inside Everybody Reads Books and Stuff); Colleen Kelley, owner of the Avenue Café; Barbara Murray, owner of the Bead Boutique; Ruth Leyrer, who runs Wild Strawberry & More and Susan Schneider, office manager at Bill Leech Repair Shop.

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## GIL WHITE, EAST TOWN COORDINATOR

The first phase rolled out last month with the installation of two pianos, donated by Kelley, and custom bike racks and planters built by Lansing Team Challenge in association with the Lansing Neighborhood Council. Nancy Mahlow, president of the Eastside Neighborhood Organization, has also been part of the process. She will be there this Saturday for the execution of phase two, which includes setting up the parklets, tables, umbrellas, Adirondack chairs, solar lights and purple-and-yellow banners emblazoned with "East Town." The public is invited to help out.

"This is business-driven," Mahlow said. "I'm here as a neighborhood leader to offer support. It's important for the businesses to have good communication between each other, and for them to have good communication with the neighborhood. So far everything's been very encouraging. East Town is going to be a great project. I think it's going to bring a lot of people (here)."

The East Town project is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Ingham County Land Bank and through donations, including \$3,000 from PNC Bank. Donations also came from Scott Gillespie, of the Gillespie Co., and Ed Zeineh, owner of Michigan Market; both are property owners on the 2000 block. Contributions also came in the form of soil (from Capital City Grower Supply), plants (Wild Strawberry), paint (O'Leary Paint) and table and chair construction from reclaimed materials (Craig VanOosten).

Probably the most eye-catching addition will be the parklets, where barriers will block off two parallel parking spaces on the street — one in front of the Avenue Café, the other in front of Emil's — to create public space in the street. Andy Kilpatrick, transportation engineer for the City of Lansing, provided technical guidance for the parklet setup.

"From the city's perspective, this was very easy to implement," Kilpatrick said. "This was the first time this was tried in Lansing. And from transportation perspective, I'm eager to see how this works. Michigan Avenue is going to be reconstructed in next five years and this will help us start to see what the move important use of this space will be."

The set-up will last through August, after which White will conduct an assessment about its effectiveness based on questionnaires. If it works, it could provide ideas for the other areas along the corridor. If not, "East Town" the placebuilding project may cease to be. After all, there is no real, official East Town anywhere on the books. It's like the Santa Claus of neighborhoods: It's only as real as you believe in it.

"Make no mistake about it — there *is* an East Town," crowed John Schneider in a March 7, 1987, front-page story for the Lansing State Journal. The article sweeps up and down the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue, interviewing retailers, customers and profiling longstanding businesses at the time. The Green Door Blues Bar & Grill was there at the time, as were Emil's Italian Restaurant, Eastside Barber Shop and Original Okinawa Karate. Long gone are the Salvation Army store, the hairdresser above Emil's and Eddie's Chinese and American Restaurant, a diner that used to be housed in the corner slot eventually occupied by Lamai's Thai Kitchen, now gone as well.

The Journal article, which proclaimed the area as "prospering in cheerful defiance of both downtown and the malls," is framed and hangs inside Bill Leech Repair Shop. But until Susan Schneider (no relation to John Schneider) pulled it off the wall a few months ago for one of the planning meetings, no one was calling this section of the east side "East Town." Murray said she was the one who had the idea.

"We were trying to think what we could call this, and when Susan showed us that article, I said, 'I think we just found our name,'" Murray said. "I thought this area has a lot of history — why aren't we using it?"

Murray also said she came up with the purple, yellow and green color scheme based on some of her beads, as well as the image of a twisty road heading toward the Capitol for



Courtesy Photo

This cover story of the Lansing State Journal from March 1987 inspired the businesses to adopt the name East Town.

the banner, which is a slightly tweaked version of the City of Lansing seal. Those banners go up this weekend, unofficially marking the resurrection of East Town.

And it could use the help. Of the 19 storefronts on that block, six sit empty, including the former homes of Lamai's, Zeppelin's Music Lounge (long ago Lindemann's butcher shop), ZZ Underwater World, Rubie's Paradise Salon (which relocated two blocks to the east) and Rae's Yarn Boutique. All left holes in the commercial district when they exited over the last few years.

But businesses are continuing to move in as buildings change ownership and interest in the east side heats up. Wild Strawberry & More, the second location for Holt-based florist/edible arraignment shop, anchors the block's southeast corner, while Strange Matter Coffee Co. opens next month on the northwest corner (see story page 22). A Coney Island restaurant is rumored to be moving into one of the Zeineh-owned buildings later this summer.

The other businesses are Local Tattoo & Laser Co., Asian Gourmet, Toarmina's Pizza and Capital City Homebrew Supply, which moved here from the 2100 block last year. (That business' owners had previously announced they planned to turn the adjacent empty space into Music Street Brewing Co., a craft beer tasting room, but two weeks ago they officially declared the project dead.)

That range of skill sets gives the little block a ragtag resourcefulness, with each business contributing something key: Food! Fitness! Flowers! Small engine repair! The diversity is beyond prized; it may be crucial to the longtime success of the collaboration.

Patrick Harrison bought a house within

view of East Town nine years ago. He said he's been impressed with both the business and community growth in that time.

"I've seen a lot of positive pockets of change, but you can see that it's still trying to find an identity," he said. "It's good to see the businesses band together. A lot of good can come from this."

Harrison said he's interested in helping set up this weekend, even if he's less than enthused about the name. He identifies himself as an east sider, not an East Towner. At least he has a sense of humor about it.

"I'm happy to welcome East Town to the east side," he said.

Botke, 57, moved Triple Goddess, an holistic healing resource center, to this block after years in Okemos. Except for a few years she spent traveling, she's lived on the east side her entire life. Botke said she's happy being closer to home, as well as part of something that could have significant positive effects throughout Greater Lansing.

"Word is spreading (and) the concept is growing," Botke said. "The best thing is, it's movable. If it doesn't work, we'll change it. Lansing needs a little bit of pizzazz. This project is bringing some zing. Hopefully it also brings some jobs and (increased) interest."

But even Botke can't argue with Harrison's logic about the East Town name hesitancy — she's lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years and it's still new to her.

"I consider myself an east sider, but from now on this block is East Town as far as I'm concerned," she said. "It's all about themes. Old Town and REO Town have their own personalities, and calling this block East Town could be a unifying theme. Whatever it may turn out to be."

# ARTS & CULTURE

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## The professionals

### MSU Department of Theatre alumni revisit the boards of their youth

By PAUL WOZNIAK

Kurt Vonnegut once said that true terror is to wake up and realize your high school class is running the country. But what about realizing your college chums are the ones pulling strings in the entertainment world? For some Michigan State University graduates, last weekend was a chance to see just how far a formal theater education got their old classmates — and collectively rub it in the faces of well-meaning relatives who may have suggested somewhere along the line, “Why don’t you major in business instead?”

Their credits include Hollywood blockbusters, syndicated sitcoms and awards ceremonies. They are actors, educators and designers living all over the country, and they’re all MSU Department of Theatre program alumni.

Brian Veit, a 1984 Theatre Department graduate, started a Facebook page that brought his former classmates back to East Lansing over the weekend.

“I was collectively looking for that group that was (in the MSU theater program) from 1980 till about 1984,” he said. “We share our (30th) anniversary with the Wharton, which seemed like a nice tie in.”

Over the weekend, 60 alumni who were in the theater program in the early ‘80s, joined the weekend festivities, which included dinner and drinks at the Peanut Barrel, a Summer Circle Theatre performance and tours of the renovated Wharton Center.

All attendees were in their early to mid-50s and work as professors and professionals in theater or adjacent fields. Greg Checketts, a character layout artist for “The Simpsons,” studied as a design major between 1980 and 1985.

“It’s been fabulous so far,” says Checketts. “You learn a lot about yourself. A lot of it is catching up on life experiences, but a lot of it is just jogging your memory, the little details that made up your day-to-day that you kind of put out of your head.”

Veit, who works as a freelance graphic designer, said the



Paul Wozniak/City Pulse

Graduates of the MSU Department of Theatre from the early ‘80s met over the weekend to visit their old performance space and tour the Wharton Center. (Inset) The class of 1984 in front of the newly built Wharton Center.

intensity of the theater program created family-like bonds.

“Your sophomore year, everybody is required to take a sophomore theater practicum,” he said. “It is a full day, every day, five days a week. Morning classes, afternoon in the shop and then evening — if there’s a show — either onsite or in the shop. It’s intensive (and it) tends to be a proving ground as much as anything else for people that can actually handle the schedule and the stress and the requirements of working in that industry.

“You can’t help but bond with people. You become a family with the people whether they’re dysfunctional or not.”

When MSU Theatre Department Chairman Kirk Domer led the group through their old stomping grounds Saturday afternoon, they playfully reverted back to students.

“Your (performance studio) is now a mechanical room,” Domer said to a chorus of mock boos. Some stood on the Fairchild Theatre stage and sang while others peppered Domer with technical questions about lighting and acoustical specifications of the renovated spaces.

Martha Marking, an MFA student who graduated in

1985 who teaches costume and makeup designer as a professor at Appalachian State University, marveled that the costume shop remained unchanged. It also stirred up a few memories.

“My favorite was you get to live with the people you’re friends with,” Marking said. “It seems like the actors are more involved with being here.”

Brian Stonestreet, an award-winning production designer for the Primetime Emmy Awards and the Golden Globe Awards, remembers free laundry in the costume shop, “even though we weren’t supposed to.”

It was clear the camaraderie and skill set of the program led many of the former students to art-related field ... and the fond memories brought them back to reminisce.

As Veit looked back, he said the friendships and shared history of the Department of Theatre created a lasting bond.

It’s like no time has passed, just a lot of us catching up again,” he said. “And the freedom and creativity that flowed through the Fairchild. It was and is a conducive atmosphere for creativity.”

## Come as you are

### Over the Ledge’s latest explores the dawn of sexual therapy

By SHAWN PARKER

Over The Ledge Theatre Co. presents a bawdy, deceptively emotional tale of a late

19th century physician that specializes in female maladies, and the complex cast of characters that orbits his practice.

“In the Next Room, or the vibrator play” is a character study wrapped in a sexual comedy. It paints a convincing portrait of a group of conflicted people, forced to confront their sexual and psychological peccadilloes. Starting with the PG-rated shock value of some audibly frank depictions of sexual release, “Next Room” seamlessly segues into a compelling glimpse into the emotional and sexu-

al realization of a group that feels bottled by the era they inhabit.

In the late 1800s, the introduction of electricity to everyday life has revolutionized Dr. Givings’ practice. Treating women for the generic ailment dubbed “hysteria,” Givings’ practice is buzzing thanks to electric-powered massagers that allow for vigorous and regular treatment. Givings’ emotionally and physically neglected wife Catherine interacts with her husband’s patients, including the Daltrys, who connect with Mrs. Givings and the physician’s staff in unexpected ways.

As Dr. Givings, Jeff Magnuson channels Chris Parnell’s character Dr. Spaceman from “30 Rock,” almost to the point of overt homage. Oblivious, naïve and earnest, he begins as comic relief before his vulnerability and frustrations rise to the surface. It’s a humorously satisfying, nuanced performance. Nearly equal are Amy Winchell and Erin Hoffman, as Dr. Givings’ wife, Catherine, and

Sabrina Daldry, a patient of the good doctor. Winchell is all wide-eyed innocence at first, before slowly allowing herself to feel and experience what she’s been long denied. Winchell turns an already sympathetic character into the rare voice that speaks to the viewer. You actively hope she finds happiness. Hoffman makes sexual repression funny and affecting, taking you on the journey as she discovers her body and herself.

Expertly directed and with simple-yet-effective set design by Mary Job, “In The

### “In The Next Room, or the vibrator play”

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June 26-28; 2 p.m. Sunday,  
June 29  
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137 Fitzgerald Park, Grand  
Ledge  
(517) 318-0589,  
overtheledge.org



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Amy Winchell plays Catherine in Over the Ledge’s “In the Next Room,” which details the early use of the vibrator as a clinical device to cure women of “hysteria.”

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# Curtain Call

from page 11

Next Room” is an adult comedy that might make you cringe with its frankness, but offers enough humor and emotion to leave you satisfied.

## Full ‘Circle’

MSU Summer Circle show depicts fanciful origin story for annual series

By JYOTSNA G. SINGH

“The Summer Circle” offers a richly inventive—and entirely fictional—history of how MSU’s Summer Circle Theatre began. Written and directed by MSU Theatre Department Professor Rob Roznowski, it is an homage to MSU’s 54-year tradition of performing outdoor plays during the summer.

**Review**

The setting is Circle Lake, a summer rental cottage community in Michigan, represented by a simple but effective wooden structure of angled roofs and screen doors.

### “The Summer Circle”

MSU Department of Theatre’s Summer Circle Theatre series  
6:30 pm Friday-Saturday, June 27-28  
FREE  
Behind MSU Auditorium Building  
theatre.msu.edu

Four rambunctious children bond as they present free shows to the locals every night.

Coming to this natural, outdoor world, the children, played by

four energetic actors, take on new roles and identities each night while exploring new possibilities of playfulness, improvisation and creativity.

The four actors (Andrew Head, Anna Morreale, Katherine Schooler and Madelayne Shammass) hold the audiences rapt, as we watch them shape scenes from the raw materials of their experiences: Imagining lake creatures, enacting dancing vegetables, dramatizing Fourth of July celebrations gone awry. The characters adapt to each other and come together, despite differences, in shaping their performances.

Initially, “The Summer Circle” seemed slow and talky, but the play picked up a crisp rhythm, with the children running around the cottage set and in out of various parts. The four children’s mothers are all skillfully played by the same actress, Mandy Myers, who pops in to provide explanations. Audience participation is required, with the characters randomly picking on the gathered children and adults to help them in their performances.

“The Summer Circle” ends on a wistful note, celebrating the theatrical community, and also its end as the summer comes to a close and the guests depart. In an evocative moment, the play hearkens to the children’s future and reflects on what they learned from their artistic forays.

With a light, comic touch, Roznowski raises profound questions about life and art, about what the children learn about collaboration, creativity, and the joy of making friends through the process.

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# Hometown Report

## Fiscal Year 2013

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## A Message from J. Peter Lark BWL General Manager

*This Fiscal Year 2013 annual report spans July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, which we're required to report to the our community by June 30, 2014.*

*During this period we built and brought online the award-winning REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant, and refurbished the historic REO train depot.*

*I would like to report many of the operational and customer communications improvements we've made since the December ice storm. Simply put, we're not the same BWL that we were six months ago. Many of our improvements include:*

- *Increased crews and staff improves BWL's ability to restore power faster during outages*
- *A more robust tree trimming program will better protect lines from falling limbs*
- *Improved and stress-tested Outage Management System is able to record outage calls and provide restoration estimates*
- *Improved call center operation will result in a more streamlined customer service experience and faster handling of outage reports*
- *New emergency mast repair and interest free payment program, including BWL approved contractors, will help customers restore power following storms or natural disasters*

*We are updating our program to identify seniors and customers with medical alerts, so that government and community officials can perform wellness checks during emergencies. And we will hire an emergency operations director to better coordinate restoration activities during a crisis.*

*The BWL has learned many lessons and made many improvements to outage preparedness and customer communications since the ice storm. Because of these improvements, we're better prepared to handle the next major storm, and we're committed to providing the greater Lansing community with the most reliable electric service in the state.*



### BWL REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant

The first new power plant built by the BWL in 40 years and the first built by a Michigan public utility in 25 years, the REO Town Cogeneration Plant eliminates the need to burn 351,000 tons of coal annually, reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 50%, reduces mercury and sulfur dioxide emissions by over 99% each, and oxides of nitrogen by over 85%.



### 1st S.T.E.P.

The 1st S.T.E.P. School to Training and Employment Internship Program gives high school seniors hands-on utility experience and a scholarship to Lansing Community College upon graduation.



### Awards and Recognitions

The BWL received a number of national, statewide and local awards for its REO Town project, electric reliability and environmental stewardship.

- REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant Honored for Best Project of the Year**  
 The BWL REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant was awarded ENR (Engineering News-Record) Midwest's Best Project of the Year in the category of Industrial/Energy.
- REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant Achieves Gold Certification for LEED**  
 The BWL achieved a gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, for the REO Town Headquarters and Cogeneration Plant. The BWL was the first utility in Michigan and the first large utility in the country to be given this award.
- REO Town Cogeneration Facility Receives Energy Innovation Award**  
 The BWL REO Town Cogeneration facility was one of two utilities nationwide to receive the prestigious Energy Innovator Award from the American Public Power Association.
- REO Town Depot Preservation Lansing Award**  
 The BWL received a Preservation Lansing Award in recognition of its restoration of the historic REO Town Grand Trunk Western Depot.
- BWL Designated as Diamond Status for Electric Reliability by APPA**  
 The BWL is one of only 29 public utilities out of 2,000 across the nation given the diamond designation by the American Public Power Association, which underscores our high degree of reliability and safe electric service.
- MDEQ Neighborhood Environmental Partnership Award**  
 The BWL received the Neighborhood Environmental Partnership Award from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, which cited BWL's "strong commitment to a sustainable future by improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of Michigan communities."

### BWL Board of Commissioners



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# Fiscal Year 2013

Information as of June 30, 2013

## Electric Utility

Customer Class	# Customers	*MWH Sales	Revenues
Residential	82,945	592,457	\$ 77,907,468
Commercial	12,685	1,160,052	\$ 132,646,849
Industrial	265	386,572	\$ 38,173,103
Sales for Resale		304,520	\$ 15,342,274
Other		38,985	\$ 13,087,753
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,895</b>	<b>2,482,586</b>	<b>\$ 277,157,447</b>

\*MWH = megawatt hour (1,000 kilowatt hours)

## Water Utility

Customer Class	# Customers	*CCF Sales	Revenues
Residential	48,381	3,150,418	\$ 14,871,133
Commercial	6,550	2,951,596	\$ 11,639,174
Industrial	95	770,627	\$ 2,263,333
Sales for Resale		2,491,788	\$ 3,428,583
Other		112,644	\$ 5,241,883
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,026</b>	<b>9,477,073</b>	<b>\$ 37,444,106</b>

\*CCF = 100 cubic feet of water

## Steam Utility

Customer Class	# Customers	*MLB Sales	Revenues
Residential	5	758	\$ 9,685
Commercial	179	393,153	\$ 6,256,338
Industrial	1	241,856	\$ 4,421,931
Other		74,687	\$ 1,341,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>710,454</b>	<b>\$ 12,029,341</b>

\*MLB = 1,000 pounds

## Chilled Water

Customer Class	# Customers	*Ton Hours	Revenues
Residential			
Commercial	16	8,887	\$ 5,139,836
Industrial			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>\$ 5,139,836</b>

\*Ton Hours = 1,000 ton hours

## Statement of Net Assets

Assets	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012
Current Assets	237,270,815	210,524,408
Other Assets	56,222,539	49,045,145
Noncurrent Restricted Assets	79,377,716	184,018,636
Utility Plant	684,887,952	607,929,949
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,057,759,022</b>	<b>1,051,518,138</b>

## Liabilities

Current Liabilities	71,394,514	65,103,828
Other Long Term Liabilities	31,282,441	32,294,713
Long Term Debt	376,776,066	394,601,266
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>479,453,021</b>	<b>491,999,807</b>
<b>Net Assets (Equity)</b>	<b>578,306,001</b>	<b>559,518,331</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,057,759,022</b>	<b>1,051,518,138</b>

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012
Operating Revenues	\$ 331,770,729	\$ 320,054,556
Operating Expense	\$ 295,735,930	\$ 286,572,757
Operating Income	\$ 36,034,799	\$ 33,481,799
Nonoperating Income (Expenses)	\$ (17,247,129)	\$ (10,834,188)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,787,670</b>	<b>\$ 22,647,611</b>





# Turner and hooch

Book chronicles the history of Lansing's historic Turner-Dodge house

By **BILL CASTANIER**

It's unlikely that most of the brides posing and toasting in the rose garden next to the Turner-Dodge House have any idea who Frances Willard was. If they did, they might find irony in the fact that the fountain that bookends the garden is a testament to Willard, a founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and her noted anti-alcohol efforts. Elizabeth A. Homer, author of "Pioneers, Reformers, & Millionaires," a new book on the Turner family, details how the family was active in the temperance movement as well as many of the most important social movements of the 19th and 20th century.

Homer was curator of the Michigan Women's Historical Center from 1987 to 1997 before taking over as curator of the Turner-Dodge House from '97 to 2008.

(The Turner-Dodge House is closed for renovations after a frozen pipe broke. Water damage has been stabilized and bids for final work are expected to be taken soon.)

Homer set herself on a course to learn more about the family who lived there and how the home came to be built on Lansing's north side. Her book gives life to James Turner, his spouse, Marian, and their notable descendants. It also delves into their impact on Lansing and the state.

Homer's interest initially was spurred by scrapbooks of Marian Turner, which provided an overview of the family's interests and those of their tight circle of friends. These individuals would become leaders in business, religion, education and social movement activists.

"The Turners' industrious and pioneering spirits would come to leave an indelible mark on the city of Lansing," Homer said. Marian Turner lived most of her adult life



Bill Castanier/City Pulse

Elizabeth A. Homer beside the Turner-Dodge House fountain, which was dedicated to the Women's Christian Temperance Union in 1902. Ironically, the fountain is the site of many a wedding champagne toast.

in the home on the banks of the Grand River, dying there in 1912. She had sold the home to her daughter, Abigail, and her son-in-law, Frank Dodge.

"Pioneers, Reformers, & Millionaires" focuses on James Turner and his son James (Jim) M. Turner, who were both active in local and state government; the elder Turner was deputy state treasurer and a state senator, while the younger Turner served as Lansing mayor and represented the area in the House of Representatives. He also ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1889. Both men were also entrepreneurs, and paved the way for Lansing to become a transportation hub by establishing the city's first oak plank roads.

James Turner helped set Lansing on its course in the Industrial Age as part of a group of men who built the city's first foundry on the banks of the Grand River. His son founded the Michigan Condensed Milk Co., which shipped internationally.

"The Turners worked doggedly to get the railroad to Lansing," Homer said. In addition to detailing their political and business interests, the book shines when Homer writes of the family's involvement, fueled by strong Methodist ideals, in the abolitionist, Prohibition, public education and suffrage movements.

"They had strong democratic ideals and ideas about equality," she said.

Homer also dedicated herself to telling the story of the Turner and Dodge women's involvement in the social movements. Using primary sources from the University of Michigan Bentley Library and the State of Michigan Archives and Library, Homer relentlessly details a crucial era in Michigan — and American — history.

One of the more intriguing arenas that Homer researches and writes about is Lansing's and Michigan's anti-saloon effort, which proceeded Prohibition and the prodigious spending and lobbying that surrounded the banning of alcohol. The likes of Carrie Nation, Susan B. Anthony and Frances Willard would visit Lansing to state their cause, and the Turners and Dodges would be at the forefront in the movement.

Members of the Turner family also

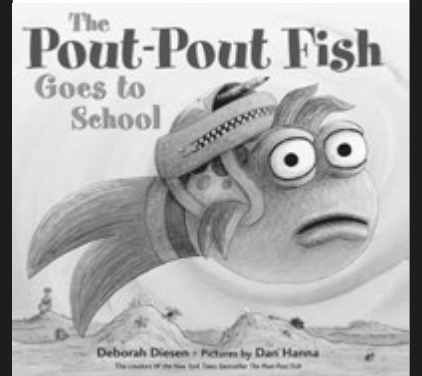
were proponents of universal education. Through Homer's book, you can see their fingers on the establishment of the School for the Deaf and Blind, the state reform school and the establishment of Michigan Agricultural College and the Michigan Female College. Homer also weaves seamlessly into her work the post-Civil War era and some of the major calamities that would strike the state, such as the 1871 conflagration.

Homer said she thinks it's important that we study history so that "it is not so easily distorted by modern politicians." She said she plans to spend the next several years promoting certain aspects of the book to help underline the role both men and women played in the history of Lansing.

And for Willard, she would be shaking a pointed finger at any bride or bridegroom who would raise a glass of wine to their lips, especially in front of a public drinking fountain dedicated to the Women's Christian Temperance Union in 1902.

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## Wednesday, June 25

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

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

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, [fogl.org](http://fogl.org).

**Senior Games.** Mah-jongg and pinochle. 1 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

**Prayer and Meditation.** Improve your skills. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. [PilgrimUCC.com](http://PilgrimUCC.com).

**57th Anniversary of the UCC.** 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. [PilgrimUCC.com](http://PilgrimUCC.com).

**Harpeth Rising & Devon Sproule.** Folk, bluegrass & rock on violin, banjo & cello. 7 p.m. \$10/\$8 advance. Garden House Concert Series, East Lansing. (734) 255-7523, [harpethrising.com](http://harpethrising.com).

**Super Summer Wednesday at BWCC.** Join us to pot flowers in the community. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton Rd. Lansing. (517) 323-3316, [bwcc.net/ministries.php](http://bwcc.net/ministries.php).

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, [fogl.org](http://fogl.org).

### EVENTS

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** Featuring locally grown/prepared foods. Live music. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

**Strategy Game Night.** Learn and share favorite games. 5-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

**Capital Area Crisis Men's Rugby Practice.** Weather permitting. All experience levels

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## Eat drink man woman ... bird, otter, asian bear cat

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

If you were in Germany and a local were to tell you that it “looks like you have a monkey on your back,” they just mean it looks like you’ve had a bit too much to drink. Now, if someone were to tell you that at Potter Park Zoo, it might be cause for panic, but in considering the German sense of the phrase at Potter Park’s upcoming Zoo Brew event, it’s all just part of the festivities.

Capitalizing on the success of the Wine and Stein event, an annual after-hours party at the zoo for the 21 and over set, on Thursday Potter Park will hold its first Zoo Brew event, a new monthly series lasting through August, designed for grownups to enjoy the park kid-free. Guests are invited to enjoy food, drink and live music in the company of Potter Park’s furry and feathery denizens.

While Zoo Brew shares many similarities with Wine and Stein (such as any human being attending must be age 21 and over), the aim is for a more relaxed atmosphere. Admission is only \$5; early admission is granted to those who buy tickets in advance at [potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org). Food and drink are extra.

The zoo’s catering team will be firing up the grill for those who bring their animal-sized appetites. For \$5, guests have their choice of hamburgers or

brats with corn on the cob. And as the name implies, there will be a selection of white and red wine along with beer and craft beer.

Each Zoo Brew event will have a different theme for the live music, and all three feature Lansing based bands. To start things off, June’s musical theme will be alternative, featuring the acoustic duo

### Zoo Brew

Potter Park Zoo  
5-9 p.m., Thursday June 26  
1301 S Pennsylvania Ave,  
Lansing  
\$5  
(517) 483-4222,  
[potterparkzoo.org](http://potterparkzoo.org)

the Tenants. July travels to the other end of the musical spectrum with country music from the North Country Flyers. Lastly, for those who always wanted to share a last call sing-along of Journey’s anthemic “Don’t Stop Believing” with an Asian Bear Cat, August will feature classic rock by the New Rule.

Facilities have been situated so that the party will carry on rain or shine, but Zoo Brew shouldn’t be mistaken as just an excuse to be a “party animal” with the party’s animals. The proceeds from Zoo Brew, as well as all of Potter Park Zoo’s public events, go towards funding renovations for the zoo and supporting the zoo’s educational programs.

—JONATHAN GRIFFITH



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# TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



## THE HOT MESS AT THE UNICORN

**Unicorn Tavern, 327, E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 21+, FREE, 9:30 p.m., June 27-28.**

The Hot Mess, a local rock 'n' roll cover band, plays two nights in a row this weekend at the Unicorn Tavern in Old Town. The group is vocalist Sara Cruz, Steve Langlois (guitar), Kevin "Chip" Herbert (drummer) and bassist Jesse Puente. The band formed last summer and quickly worked up a rendition of "Crazy Train." Since then the group has a long roster of songs, spanning Led Zeppelin, Heart, Nirvana, Joan Jett, Guns N' Roses and Tom Petty. "We have a lot of rock variety," Cruz said. "It's rock, but its danceable. I came into this world singing. (The cartoon) 'Jem and the Holograms' is probably responsible for that." Aside from traditional gigs, the band also hosts an open mic night every Thursday at Gus's Bar.

## SPEEDGOD AT CONVICTION FEST



**Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$7, \$6 adv., 5 p.m., Saturday, June 28.**

Lansing-based metal heads Speedgod headline Conviction Fest at Mac's Bar; opening are Fossil Eyes, Midwest Skies, Fides In Us and Chasing the Riots. Speedgod, a local heavy-metal band, is vocalist Geoff Jenkins, guitarist Sean Von Tersch, bassist Ivy Vujic Jenkins (formerly of Kittie) and drummer Matt McDaniels (formerly of Dozic). The band's bio describes its sound as "a new breed of modern heavy metal via breakneck guitar work, guttural bass lines, unforgiving percussion and aggressively passionate vocal styles." Speedgod's first show was in June 2013 at Uli's Haus Of Rock. Prior to its inaugural gig, the band self-pressed and released a three-song EP, "The Summer 2013 Demos."

## SHADOWS FALL AT THE LOFT



**The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$20, \$15 adv., 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 1.**

Shadows Fall, a Boston-based metal band, headlines an all-ages show at the Loft. Opening are Dead By Wednesday, Past Tense, Adrenachrome, Know Lyfe, The Worst Of and From Blue to Gray. Shadows Fall, a Razor & Tie Records-signed band, released its sixth album, "Fire from the Sky," in 2012. As for the tour, vocalist Brian Fair posted this on the band's website: "This is a chance for us to check out the local music scene in each city and play some small club shows where we can jam out an extended set filled with songs we rarely play or have never played live."

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

## LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Slaughter Daughters, 9 p.m.	All Star Drag Show, 9 p.m.	Hank Mowery & the Hawktones, 8 p.m.	Calliope, 9 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Updraft, 9 p.m.		DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		DJ, 9 p.m.	Acme Jam Company, 9 p.m.	Acme Jam Company, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Whiskey Pickers, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Blue Wednesday, 8 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 8 p.m.	The New Rule, 8 p.m.
Fireside Grill, 6951 Lansing Rd.				Rik & Nikki, 8:30 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	DJ Dazzlin Dena, 8 p.m.	Untamed Beauty Band, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 8 p.m.		Glamhammer, 9 p.m.	
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.		Open Mic w/Hot Mess, 9 p.m.	Karaoke	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.	Dizzy Wright, 8 p.m.	Mr. Denton on Doomsday, 8 p.m.	Rock Camp, 6:30 p.m.	Knowlyfe, 6:30 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	The Pros, 7:30 p.m.	Northern Throne, 9 p.m.	E-Nyce, 9 p.m.	Speedgod, 5 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Game Night 7 p.m.	Pat Zelenka, 10 p.m.	From Big Sur, 9:30 p.m.	The Dewaynes, 9:30 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.	Scott Martin, 8 p.m.		
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Karlee Rewerts, 8 p.m.		
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.	Hot Mess, 8:30 p.m.	Hot Mess, 8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive	Pat Zelenka, 6 p.m.	Black Barn Band, 6 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Tanya Marie Harris, 9 p.m.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25-SATURDAY, JUNE 28 >> LANSING BEER WEEK

If you missed the first half of Lansing Beer Week, don't worry — it's still going strong with lots of events left. Tonight at 5, Mason's BAD Brewing Co. will be in downtown Lansing to host a tap takeover and horseshoe tournament at Nuthouse Bar & Grill. At 7 p.m. Thursday, I'm a Beer Hound founder Paul Starr will host a beer and cupcake pairing at REO Town Pub, featuring cupcakes from Vintage Café next door and craft beer from Cranker's Brewery in Big Rapids. A ticket to this event will get you five 4-6 oz. beer tastes; combinations include Professor IPA with carrot cake and Coconut Porter with German chocolate cake. The nine-day event wraps up from 1-6 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Beer Fest in REO Town, where attendees can try new Michigan beers by 32 different breweries from around the state. Tickets are \$35/\$30 in advance. [lansingbeerweek.com](http://lansingbeerweek.com)

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welcome. 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. [crisisrfc.com](http://crisisrfc.com).

**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

### MUSIC

**Concerts in the Park.** Featuring Shawn Riley Band. 7 p.m. FREE. Quentin Park, 1501 Pingree St.,

Lansing. (517) 483-4277, [lansingmi.gov/attractions](http://lansingmi.gov/attractions).  
**Pat Zelenka at Waterfront Bar.** Four hours of all acoustic classic rock & soul. 6 p.m. No cover. Waterfront Bar and Grille, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing.

**Music in the Park.** Catbird Seat & Hella and the Scatcats featured. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-8548, [ow.ly/yeyZb](http://ow.ly/yeyZb)

### THEATER

**"Ruthless."** Campy musical about a potentially homicidal child. 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Theatre, Red Cedar Rd., East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. [theatre.msu.edu](http://theatre.msu.edu).

### LITERATURE AND POETRY

**Tween Book Club.** Ages 9-12. Call to register. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

## Thursday, June 26

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Contact Jan. 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, [newhopehaslett.com](http://newhopehaslett.com).

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE to visit. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080, [stdavidslansing.org](http://stdavidslansing.org).

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**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363. cadl.org.

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave., Mason. (517) 853-1675. quanamtemple.org.

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

**Lansing Area Codependent Anonymous.** Held in room 214G. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559. coda.org.

**Ojibwe/Anishinaabemowin Class.** Teaching the language of the first people from this region. 7-9 p.m. Donation. Nokomis Learning Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-5777, nokomis.org.

**Craft Night Social.** Creating quill boxes, making dance shawls and teaching the peyote stitch. 5-7 p.m. FREE. Nokomis Learning Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-5777, nokomis.org.

**Sign Language Classes.** For ages 12 and up. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Christian Church, 2600 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 492-6149.

**The Gluten Effect.** Seminar. 6 p.m. Rassel-Daigneault Family Chiropractic, 537 N. Clippert St., Lansing. (517) 336-8880.

**Intro to DMX Lighting.** Learning how to operate DMX lighting and boards. 6 p.m. \$30/\$10 members. 1200 Marquette St., Lansing. (517) 420-1873. thinklivemusic.com.

**Senior Games.** Bingo, Duplicate Bridge and Euchre, 1 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. FREE, bridge \$3/\$2

members. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

**EcoTrek Fitness.** Meet at parking lot near the playground/trailhead. 5:45-7 p.m. \$10. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 243-6538. ecotrekfitness.com/lansing.shtml.

## EVENTS

**Spanish Conversation Group.** Both English and Spanish spoken. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

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

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

**Annual Mayor's Senior Fair.** Join us for a day of fellowship and information. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Gardner Middle School, 333 Dahlia Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-4722.

**Dimondale Farmers' Market.** Live music, locally grown produce and fun. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Downtown Dimondale, Bridge Street, Dimondale. (517) 646-0230. villageofdimondale.org.

## MUSIC

**Rally In The Alley Open Mic.** 6:30 p.m. FREE. American Legion Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-1232.

**{REVOLUTION} at Tavern.** Electronic music, 21-up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Tavern On the Square, 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-5555.

**North Country Flyers Live.** Live performance

at the golf club. 7 p.m. FREE. Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St., Williamston. (517) 655-4695. brookshiregolfclub.com.

**Pat Zelenka.** An evening of all acoustic music. 10 p.m. No cover. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287. moriartyslansing.com.

**Victoria Vox in concert.** Ukulele chanteuse Victoria Vox live in concert. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Old Town

General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-6847. ow.ly/yeAB4.

## THEATER

**"Ruthless."** (See June 25 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Theatre, Red Cedar Rd., East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. theatre.msu.edu.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25-SUNDAY, JUNE 29 >> "NEIL SIMON'S FOOLS" BY LCC PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

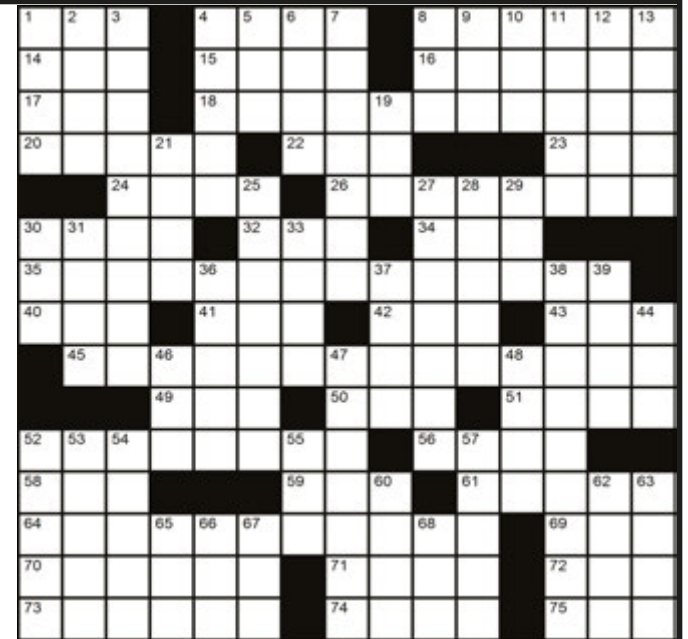
Ever get the feeling that you're surrounded by idiots? The main character in Lansing Community College Performing Arts' performance "Neil Simon's Fools" can relate: He's the only one in town not plagued with a curse of "chronic stupidity" that affects everyone but him. But it gets worse: Unless he can find a cure within 24 hours, he will succumb to the same fate. This is the first of LCC's Summer Stage Under the Stars performing arts festival. Other events in upcoming weeks will include music and dance performances. 7 p.m. FREE. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre, Washington Mall between Dart Auditorium and Gannon Building, LCC campus. (517) 483-1488, lcc.edu/showinfo.



## Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"You Missed a Spot"-  
-when things don't  
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Matt Jones



### Across

- 1 City, casually
- 4 Common mixer
- 8 Chin dimples
- 14 A thousand times more than a mil
- 15 Reagan Secretary of State
- 16 "Got that right!"
- 17 It may need a massage
- 18 One wing of the Museum of Poisons?
- 20 "Veil of ignorance" philosopher John
- 22 Tango necessity
- 23 "\_\_\_ do it"
- 24 Archaeological find
- 26 Oceanic backflows
- 30 Instrument that means "high wood"
- 32 Sinuous swimmer
- 34 Clumsy sort
- 35 The act of keeping a basketball player from leaving the team?
- 40 Extra-spesh attention
- 41 Meas. taken during a physical
- 42 "That's interesting!"
- 43 Little battery
- 45 Maximum amount of "aw" you can get from cat pictures?
- 49 Put together
- 50 "\_\_\_ blu dipinto di blu"
- 51 They may be pale
- 52 Is guaranteed to work
- 56 Two-syllable poetic

- foot
- 58 Nucky's brother, on "Boardwalk Empire"
- 59 Grazer's sound
- 61 Flip side?
- 64 Fleetwood Mac's John or Christine, without any singing parts?
- 69 Go one better than
- 70 Monopoly purchase, sometimes
- 71 Long time to wait
- 72 Actress Mendes
- 73 E-mail request
- 74 Go after flies
- 75 "Bang and Blame" band

- 5 Crew gear
- 6 Buzzfeed article, often say
- 7 Get older with style
- 8 "\_\_\_: Miami"
- 9 "Funky Cold Medina" rapper Tone \_\_\_
- 10 Ordinal number suffix
- 11 "\_\_\_ not"
- 12 Bridal veil material
- 13 Isn't buying it?
- 19 San Francisco's \_\_\_ Hill
- 21 MGM co-founder Marcus \_\_\_
- 25 Onion variety
- 27 Italian tenor Andrea
- 28 He was Sulu
- 29 "\_\_\_ were you..."
- 30 Frequent, in poetry
- 31 Leave hastily
- 33 Redo some passages, maybe
- 36 Grading range
- 37 Shrek, for one

- 38 Sudden-death game, say
- 39 Airport terminal area
- 44 Jerkface
- 46 Dig in
- 47 Intertwines
- 48 Bear with the medium-sized bowl
- 52 Activist Chavez
- 53 Full of spirit
- 54 Brother on "Frasier"
- 55 ThinkPad maker, before Lenovo
- 57 "This is only \_\_\_..."
- 60 Acknowledge frankly
- 62 Word before nest or knot
- 63 Folder filler
- 65 Away from WSW
- 66 Creature of habit?
- 67 Movie with a stuffed bear
- 68 Gourmet Garten

### Down

- 1 Taxi app
- 2 Latvia's capital
- 3 Welding tool
- 4 Big gap

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## TO PLAY

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

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## Out on the town

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**“The Vibrator Play.”** Comedy about marriage, intimacy and electricity. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 senior/\$6 student. (517) 318-0579. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579. [overtheledge.org](http://overtheledge.org).

### Friday, June 27

#### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Financial Success for Farmers.** Small farm consulting. Noon-4 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 999-3923. [allenmarketplace.org](http://allenmarketplace.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous.** A closed women’s meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

#### EVENTS

**Teen Advisory Group.** Teens plan programs & more. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. [dtdl.org](http://dtdl.org).

**Lansing Bike Party.** Bike ride with TGIF stop. 5:45 p.m. FREE. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. [facebook.com/groups/lansingbikeparty](http://facebook.com/groups/lansingbikeparty).

**Michigan Energy Fair.** Exhibitors, workshops, vehicles and kid’s activities. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$10/ages 18 and under FREE. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash St., Mason. (269) 384-9915. [grea.org](http://grea.org).

**The Art of: BBQ.** Cooking demo with Executive Chef Brad Curlee. 6 p.m. \$50/\$35 Members. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

**Indoor Thrift Sale.** Gently used goods. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6/Bag. Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, 501 E. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (517) 482-1549. [mounthopeumc.org](http://mounthopeumc.org).

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 27 >> ‘THE ART OF ...’ SERIES AT THE BROAD ART MUSEUM

Art and food aren’t limited to Giuseppe Arcimboldo’s portrait paintings done in fruit and vegetables. In the Broad Art Museum’s new series entitled “The Art of ...,” the museum explores several vocations and activities that aren’t considered art and illuminate them in a way to get people to experience the artistic merit of nontraditional forms. To start the series, the museum presents “The Art of: BBQ.” Spartan Signature Catering executive chef Brad Curlee will share his 17 years of experience and demonstrate his mastery of BBQ technique. Afterward, there will be a sampling of summer eats and a cash bar. \$50/\$35 members. 6 p.m. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, [broadmuseum.msu.edu](http://broadmuseum.msu.edu).

## Library Millage Renewal VOTE AUG. 5

CADL is seeking a millage renewal at the current rate of 1.56 mills. For an owner of a home with a taxable value of \$50,000, the cost is \$78 per year, or just 21 cents per day.

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### STRANGE MATTER COFFEE CO.



Alan I. Ross/City Pulse

Cara Nader, the owner/operator/“chief coffee engineer” at Strange Matter Coffee Co., will hand craft each cup of coffee to order. Strange Matter is on schedule to open in late July.

#### By ALLAN I. ROSS

Craft beer is so last week. Entrepreneur Cara Nader is riding the next wave of specialty beverage production: Craft coffee. Nader is the owner/operator and “chief coffee engineer” for **Strange Matter Coffee Co.**, a new café coming soon to Lansing’s newly named East Town district.

“I definitely see a big change coming in the approach to coffee (consumption),” Nader said. “We had that coffee boom 20 years ago where places had menus so big you had to stare at them for 10 minutes. Things are scaling back.

It’s becoming much more accessible.” Nader’s theory fits in with the national trend of becoming familiar with your food. The same mindset that spawned the farm-to-table movement will get people to start asking questions like when their coffee beans were harvested.

“Coffee is like fruit — it’s not always going to be in season,” Nader said. “You shouldn’t always be able to get the same beans year-round. I look at it as a culinary experience.”

Nader is a brewer; she

leaves the roasting to the pros. She uses several small batch roasters, including Populace in Bay City, Passion House Coffee Roasters in Chicago and Lansing’s **Craft & Mason Roasting Co.** She only plans to keep limited, handmade syrups in-house, and only two sizes of orders — no more confusing grandes and ventis.

But the time you won’t spend trying to choose between a tall double mocha decaf latte skim no whipped and triple red eye nonfat caramel macchiato you’ll spend waiting for your coffee to brew: Each cup is handmade to order, with carefully weighed water and coffee portions and precisely managed water temperature. It’s a process that takes about three minutes, but Nader is confident it’s worth the wait.

“It’s only been in the last few years that proper temperature research has determined how hot the water should be for coffee to be brewed,” Nader said. “It should be between 198 and 205 degrees (Fahrenheit). If it’s not hot enough, it won’t extract oils that give the coffee its flavor.”

She utilizes a Chemex coffee maker, a glass carafe that looks like a wine decanter. Water is brought

to boil in a separate pot at the exact temperature she wants and poured through freshly ground beans and the filter. For all the high tech methodology, it’s a decidedly low-tech operation.

“Nothing plugs in,” she said. “Less machinery makes it easier to control the results.”

And as for that name: Strange matter is theoretical form of liquid matter. She said she had kicked around a few names before settling on this one, which she thinks fits the business perfectly.

“It reflects my scientific approach to coffee,” she said. “It’s a science thing. I know, it’s nerdy.”

Until Strange Matter opens, Nader will sell her coffee at the Allen Street Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 6 p.m. She’s also started selling her New Orleans-style iced coffee, cold brewed and steeped in chicory.

So what does she predict as the next craft craze?

“I think we’re primed for a wave of craft pastries,” she said. “We need a doughnut movement.”

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### MUSIC

**Summer Concert Series.** Featuring The Appleseed Collective. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries.

**Matt LoRusso Trio.** Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Troppo, 111 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

**Lake Lansing Band Shell.** With North Country Flyers. Live Music. 7 p.m. FREE. Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St., Williamston. (517) 655-4695. brookshiregolfclub.com.

**Pat Zelenka at Buddies in Holt.** 4 hours of acoustic rock & soul. 8:30 p.m. No cover. Buddies Bar & Grill, 1937 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 699-3670, buddiespubandgrill.com.

**Hank Mowery & The Hawktones.** Live performance. 9 p.m. \$5. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550.

### THEATER

**"The Summer Circle."** All ages comedy. 6:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Theatre, Red Cedar Rd., East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. theatre.msu.edu.

**"Ruthless."** (See June 25 for details.) 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Theatre, Red Cedar Rd., East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. theatre.msu.edu.

**"The Weird."** Six short horror themed stories. 10 p.m. FREE. MSU Summer Circle Theatre, Red Cedar Rd. East Lansing. (517) 355-6690. theatre.msu.edu.

**"The Vibrator Play."** (For details, see June 26.) 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 senior/\$6 student. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579. overtheledge.org.

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## Saturday, June 28

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

**Tai Chi in the Park.** For beginning and experienced tai chi practitioners. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden House, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

**Qigong for Health.** Qigong to condition the body and quiet the mind. 9-10 a.m. \$10. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**New Volunteer Orientation.** Learn about us and our famed training program. 11 a.m. FREE. The Listening Ear Crisis Center, 2504 East Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 337-1717. theear.org.

### EVENTS

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

**Delta Rocks Family Festival.** Petting zoo, zip line, giant slide and more. Noon-6 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555. deltami.gov/parks.

**What's the Buzz Campfire.** Campfire, program, marshmallow roasting and walk. 7-8:30 p.m. \$3, \$5/ family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Lansing Beer Fest.** 30 Michigan breweries with

100 craft beers. 1-6 p.m. \$30-35. REO Town, 1100 block of S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (248) 850-2563. lansingbeerfest.com.

**Yoga at the Broad.** Yoga outside in the sculpture garden. 11 a.m. FREE with registration. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing, ow.ly/yeCTW.

**Indoor Thrift Sale.** Gently used goods. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6/Bag. Mt. Hope United Methodist Church, 501 E. Mt. Hope, Lansing. (517) 482-1549. mounthopeumc.org.

**Classicon 45.** Collectable paperback, pulp, comic and glamour art show. \$3. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. University Quality Inn, 3121 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 332-0112, curiousbooks.com.

### MUSIC

**Summer Concert Series.** Rob Klajda's Hopening Quartet. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com/summerconcertseries.

**Matt LoRusso Trio.** Jazz. 9 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Troppo, 111 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 371-4000.

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 26 >> 'DECODING COMEDY'

Find out how comedians makes telling jokes look so easy ... or hard, as the case may be. MSU student James Xiong's documentary "Decoding Comedy" probes into the brains of local standup comedians and deconstructs their creative processes. The film features interviews with nine local comedians, as well as footage from their live standup acts. Chances are you'll hear at least one dick joke — or hear the story behind it. So check your delicate sensibilities at the door. 8 p.m. FREE. Studio D in Communication Arts Building, MSU campus.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 26 >> DOWNTOWN DISASTERS TOUR

History is heating up downtown Lansing. Valerie Marvin, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, will lead a walking tour to discuss the fires, floods and other catastrophes that shaped the cultural history of the city. One aspect of the tour will include a discussion at the site of the former Kern's Hotel, where a 1934 fire killed 35 people. It is the deadliest fire in Lansing history. The tour will last for an hour and will meet at Lansing City Hall. 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 7 p.m. FREE, donations appreciated. lansinghistory.org.



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of topics-no judgment. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 882-9733. saintmichaellansing.org.

## MUSIC

**Open Jam.** All talents welcome. 7 p.m. FREE. Suits Tavern, 210 S. Washington Square Lansing. (517) 702-9150, suitstavern.com.

## Tuesday, July 1

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Insect Adventures Nature Camp.** Kids discover insects and explore in nature. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1 day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Have a support system, lose weight. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

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

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

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

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

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

**Transgender Support Group.** Discussion for parents and guardians. 7:15 p.m. FREE. Please call Susan for location of this month's meeting. (517) 927-8260.

**Compassionate Friends of Lansing.** Support for parents who have lost a child. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Salvation Army (South) Community Center, 701 W. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 351-6480.

**Cool Critters Nature Camp.** Preschoolers meet critters & have fun in nature. 9 a.m.-noon, \$32/2 day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866,

meridian.mi.us.

**Animal Webs Nature Camp.** Kids discover animals and explore nature at camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Rock Hounds Nature Camp.** Kids discover rocks & fossils and explore nature. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

## EVENTS

**Bible and Beer.** Discussion of scripture in everyday settings. 6 p.m. Midtown Brewing Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 482-0600, bibleandbeer@ccclansing.org.

## Wednesday, July 2

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

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

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954, fcgl.org.

**MSU Maker Day.** Cohort-based hybrid certificate program. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE. MSU Library, West Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-0901, lib.msu.edu.

**Animal Seekers Nature Camp.** Kids discover animals and explore nature at camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1 day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Following Tracks & Traces Camp.** Kids discover animal signs & explore nature. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1 day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Wildlife Explorers Nature Camp.** Kids discover wildlife and explore nature at camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1 day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Independence Day.** Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, PilgrimUCC.com.

## EVENTS

**Allen Street Farmers Market.** Featuring locally grown/prepared foods. Live music. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

**Capital Area Crisis Men's Rugby Practice.** Weather permitting. All experience levels welcome. 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfg.com.

**Practice Your English.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

## MUSIC

**Marshall Music Open Jam Night.** Join other musicians on our stage and get heard. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.

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Kathy's Pier Delight is a boat rental/mini-museum/custard shop, all rolled in one.

## Keeping cool

**Bath custard shop offers frozen treats, boating and slices of local history**

By GABRIELLE JOHNSON

Ice cream fans have it too easy — if you're patient enough, a truck will drive right down your street and bring some to you. No, the real white lion of summer confections is frozen custard, the cold (but not too cold), rich (but not too rich) dessert, seemingly custom-made for mid-Michigan summer nights.

**Kathy's Pier Delight**  
6320 Park Lake Road,  
Bath Township  
3-9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday;  
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(517) 641-6060,  
pier-delight.com

Kathy and Daryl Brenner are the owners/operators of Kathy's Pier Delight in Bath Township. Their fond memories of the summer treat factored heavily in their decision to open the Lansing area's only independent frozen soft-serve custard counter, which also doubles as a paddleboat rental facility.

"(Daryl) and I used to frequent a frozen custard place in Utica while we were dating and we always loved it," she said. "Anyone can have ice cream — we wanted something dif-

ferent." From the store's quirky M&Ms memorabilia theme to the mini-museum of Bath Township history, the built-in family fun night at Kathy's is nothing if not "different."

It was a last-minute dinner on the road that led to the Brenners opening Kathy's Pier Delight. They live in Bancroft, about 35 miles northeast of Lansing, and were in Bath in 1995 for their daughter's softball game. They stopped at Taco Zoo, perched on Park Lake just north of East Lansing. They loved the location, and when the stars aligned six years later, they bought the property. After years of red tape, the Brenners took over Taco Zoo in 2005, renamed it, and Kathy Brenner has been behind the counter from May to September ever since.

Frozen custard is similar to soft-serve ice cream with a few notable but subtle differences. The custard isn't as sweet as ice cream can be, and the texture is much creamier because of the heavy use of egg yolks in the recipe. Custard isn't quite as cold as ice cream either, making it much easier for anyone with sensitive teeth.

Kathy's custard comes in the standard chocolate, vanilla and twist, but from there the variations are vast. A small twist in a waffle cone costs \$2.69. You can get fancy and go for a dark chocolate dip and sprinkles for an extra 85 cents. You can also get a chocolate

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# Custard

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malt (\$3.09), made on a retro, mint green malt machine. There are also custard “treasures” (think Dairy Queen Blizzard), shakes, malts, banana splits, sundaes, and slushies.

A fish food machine sits in the corner of the shop, tempting kids to get a quarter’s worth to scatter in the lake. Or if you’re not content to stay on the shore, you can rent a paddleboat for \$5 an hour. Afterward, you can refuel with a walking taco (snack-sized bag of Fritos into which is scooped chili, salsa, cheese, and sour cream) or Flint-made Koegel hot dogs.

The shop’s walls are lined with framed mementos from Park Lake’s glory days: Postcards from people who lived on the lake in the early 1900s, photos of a barn that hosted dances and burned down in the 1930s and other relics that customers have donated to the store.

Brenner gladly regales customers with stories about how her shop has become filled with the peculiar tchotchkes. After she put up three pieces of M&Ms memorabilia she’d had at home, things started to snowball — customers started bringing in anything related to M&Ms to add to the collection. Her story about a young patron saving their allowance to gift her with an M&Ms telephone is enough to melt anyone’s custard-filled heart.



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