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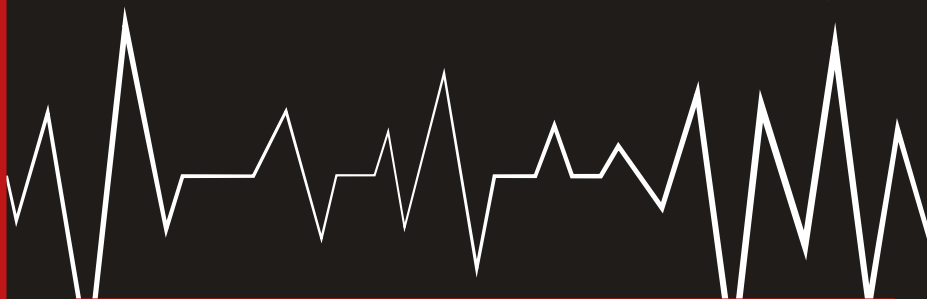


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Time Frame

1 day (8 hours)
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
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- Wednesday, July 23, 2014
- Tuesday, July 29, 2014
- Saturday, August 2, 2014
- Monday, August 4, 2014
- Tuesday, August 12, 2014
- Thursday, August 14, 2014
- Monday, August 18, 2014
- Tuesday, August 26, 2014
- Thursday, August 28, 2014

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- Thursday, September 11, 2014

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WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

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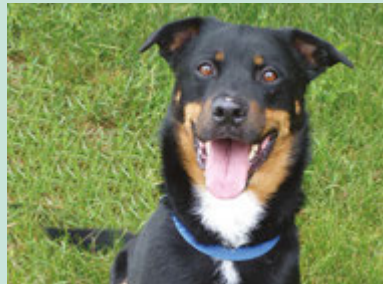
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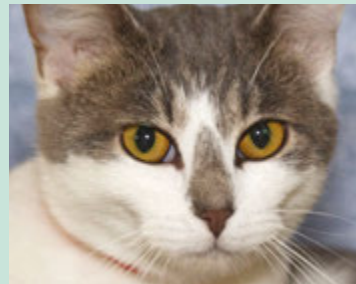
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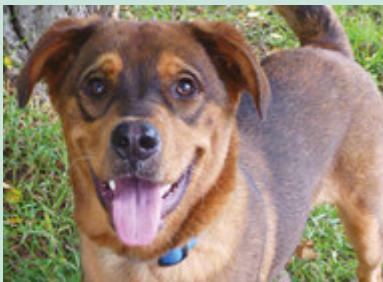
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Isabella

Isabella is a beautiful, sweet girl. She loves attention and can't seem to get enough!

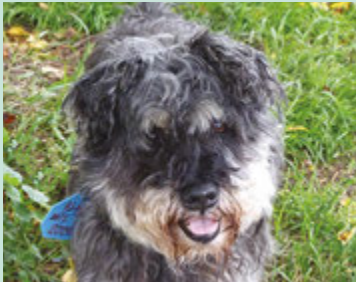
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Louie

Louie is a sweet, affectionate baby. He is loyal and loving and he loves to learn new things. He would make a great first dog.

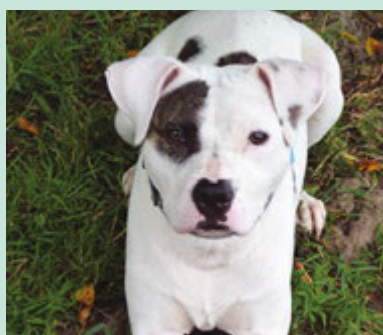
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Feedback

The politics of BWL

So I see from the four-color Board of Water & Light's Hometown Report in your latest issue that everything is beautiful at the BWL.

But wait - six months ago thousands of residents were without power after the ice storm ... and the CEO left town at the height of the crisis ... and then the State Journal and a bipartisan group of local legislators called for change at the top ... and the CRC Chair said the BWL's lack of preparation and response was "mind-boggling."

Ah, but... J. Peter Lark was first appointed to the Public Service Commission by Gov. Granholm, a Democrat. He was brought from the PSC to the BWL by Mayor Bernero, a Democrat. And the Chair of the Board is Sandra Zerkle, who just happens to be Chair of the Ingham County Democratic Party. If any of those nasty Republicans had been somehow involved, tomahawks would be swinging. But since we're all Democrats here, what's the problem?

—T.E. Klunzinger
Haslett

The Niowave saga continues

It is 7 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014. A flatbed, pulled by a dump truck, drives up Seymour Ave. It parks and the driver exits the cab—mind you with diesel motor running. Where it stops is in a residential neighborhood; well it was that before Niowave purchased the Walnut Elementary school and adjacent playground, as well as receiving from the city a special land use permit to build "a shed" on the playground. When asked by the neighbors what was to be built, Niowave's response: "A shed."

Now, those of us in this former neighborhood—now, more accurately described as an industrial zone. Not neighborhood at all. The expected "shed," in reality, is a 1400 square foot, at least two stories high pole barn, in which all manner of construction, assembly, and testing takes place.

To the point, it is especially early on a Saturday morning, and we are awakened, aroused, and disturbed once again by the noise of industrial clamor. That disturbance has been accompanied by the clanking of chains, straps and blocks, used to remove an asphalt paver from the flatbed, and then to disconnect the flatbed from the dump

truck. The paver is backed off the flatbed, its motor running, joining the noise provided by the dump truck's diesel motor. It too is left for a while unattended and sits in front of a charming early 1923 brick house on Seymour in a formerly lovely residential neighbor in Lansing, in which I reside with my partner.

It is now 30 minutes later, the truck motor still running. The paver-operator-driver is nowhere to be seen.

My point being the city failed us. (In reviewing my writing, "failing us" reads as an understatement.) We, all who reside nearby, are coping with the transformation of a lovely, diverse, old residential neighborhood, abandoned by our mayor, business groups, the city council, and the zoning board in a jealous, reactionary, move to keep Niowave from leaving the city for another location. We, the residents, were and are—figuratively and literally screwed—over and over—almost daily, and surely in perpetuity: think resale. Oh wait, it's 7:30 a.m., and another dump truck pulls up no doubt with a load of asphalt, it idles at the corner. There are more asphalt trucks, pavers, whatever, lined up, all with motors running, along Maple Street and beyond, with an added insult of them loitering on a marked "No Parking at Any Time" side of the street. Forget resale, financial loss from selling wouldn't buy me another home of this quality. Indeed, we reside smack dab at the middle of an industrial zone. The assaults on our sense of order are endless.

My partner, of course, prematurely awakened on this weekend morning, dresses and in exasperation, comes down growling, exiting out the front door. By now it is 7:50 a.m., and she goes to the first occupied dump truck and inquires if driverless dump truck with the motor still running can be turned off. That driver obliges. At last a bit of peace on Seymour, although motors still run on our cross street Maple.

Why do I complain? In industrial zones, of course, 7: a.m. noise on a weekend morning can be expected. And so I must remind myself over and over again that it is not the residential neighborhood we moved into twenty years ago.

The Niowave saga continues. Stay tuned for more narratives from citizens living in an industrial zone.

—Penny Gardner and Marilyn Bowen
Lansing

Corrections

Because of a reporting error, a story in last week's City Pulse on the CATA bus station in downtown Lansing failed to say when no loitering signs were posted, which occurred in February.

Also because of a reporting error, a story on patriotism in last week's City Pulse incorrectly stated Ann Francis' position on the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). She is on the national board of directors.

Have something to say about a local issue or an item that appeared in our pages?

Now you have two ways to sound off:

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- E-mail: letters@lansingcitypulse.com
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Contact Berl Schwartz for more information:
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(Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)

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He Ate, She Ate: Cancun Mexican Grill home of you-gotta-try it cuisine



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THIS WEEK

- Jewel Gallagher, spokeswoman for Regal Cinemas
- Michelle Jennings, Instructor for the 2020 Girls program
- Lansing Parks Director Brett Kaschinske
- Rick Kibbey, president of the Lansing Parks Board



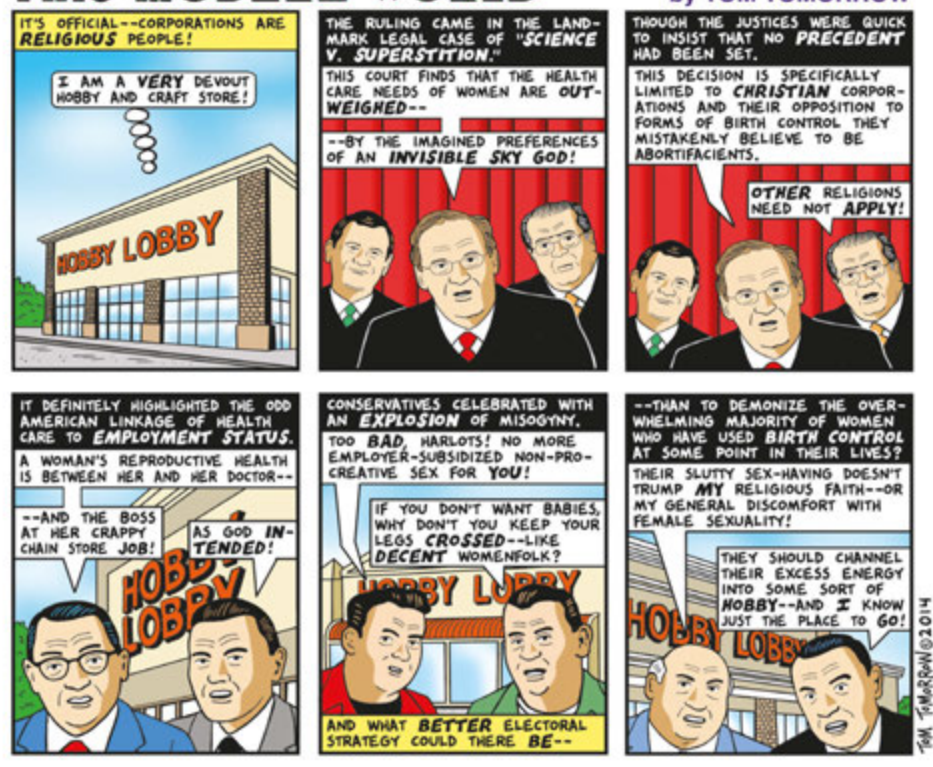
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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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NEWS & OPINION

Gender gap

Program aims to turn curious girls into women with tech careers

When Laura Dillon began studying mathematics in 1969, as one of the only women in her program of study, she felt like “an oddity.”

“We’re the exception as opposed to the rule,” she said.

Nationwide, women are underrepresented in studies and careers involving science, technology, engineering and mathematics — commonly referred to as STEM — highlighting the need for support for young girls who are interested in math and science.

Even though she was often surrounded only by men in her classes, Dillon said “it never bothered (her) much.” After earning her Ph.D. in computer science in 1984 and accepting a teaching position at the University of California, Santa Barbara, however, she began to feel more alone.

“It was pretty isolating,” she said. “I was the only woman on the department faculty for 12 years at UC Santa Barbara.”

Dillon recalls the sometimes uncomfortable realities of being female in a male-dominated tech field — for



Jonathan Griffith/City Pulse

example, teaching classes with no female students and dealing with the “unique challenges” of raising two young children.

“Even if they had kids, my colleagues didn’t quite understand,” said Dillon, a professor of computer science and engineering at Michigan State University. “They had spouses at home to take care of the baby. My spouse was a full-time grad student.”

Although it was decades ago, the

climate Dillon endured hasn’t changed much. For example, men are six times likelier than women to enroll in collegiate engineering classes, according to the National Girls Collaborative Project.

Throughout her time at MSU, Dillon has seen efforts for change — the college is on its first year of a two-year recruiting effort to attract more women to their engineering programs. She also points to the MSU’s Women in Computing group, which serves as a support group for students, as well as providing outreach to prospective students — something Dillon finds especially critical.

“It’s so important to get young girls to play around with technology and let them see what it’s like,” she said. “There’s a problem of not enough role models.”

A crucial time

In Lansing, a program was just recently launched to provide this support before young girls begin losing interest in STEM studies. The 2020 Girls program, a collaboration between the

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Over the years of publishing “Eye Sore of the Week,” we’ve received a few complaints from owners, usually in the category of sour grapes. Most just ignore us.

A handful fix up their places, which are reborn in “Eye Candy of the Week”

The Eye Sore on June 18 was different: a burned-out house at 1508 E. Kalamazoo St. in Lansing. We, myself included since I proofread the page the story was on, should have handled it differently and will in the future.

The owner, Candice Sklapsky, was outraged. She told me that she was in the house when someone set it on fire about six months ago. Moreover, she was recovering from surgery. She said she and her dog were endangered. She is still dealing with the insurance company. She hasn’t received a check, so the house remains an eyesore. Totally understandable.

The Lansing Fire Department verified that the fire is the subject of an open investigation for arson.

When we could not reach the owner, I should have sent a reporter to the scene to try to find out more. I can promise you that in the future we will do so on all eyesores. We value the analysis that architect Dan Bollman offers on eyesores and eye candies, but sometimes more is needed, as was certainly the case here.

Moreover, we will send letters to the owners of potential Eye Sores requesting comment. I expect in most cases, we won’t hear back. And in this case, who knows if the letter would have caught up with the owner, who had to move out. But we will try harder.

“Eye Sore” will continue, as will “Eye Candy.” Please keep sending your suggestions to eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call me at (517) 999-5061.

— Berl Schwartz

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

Welcome back, Crego

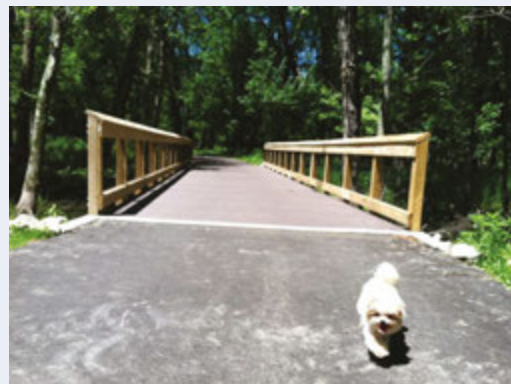
Crego Park reopens after contamination closed it for over 25 years

A new tentacle branching off the Lansing River Trail near Aurelius Road leads travelers into Lansing’s largest park — and one recently reopened after being closed for decades due to contamination.

Welcome back to Crego Park, 220 acres northeast of the Aurelius and Mt. Hope Avenue intersection named after Ralph Crego, Lansing’s longest-serving mayor, from 1943 to 1960. For over 25 years, the park was closed to the public due to contamination from the John Bean Co., which tested firefighting equipment and agricultural chemical sprayers on site. About one-third of the property was shown to be contaminated with PCBs, lead and zinc. The state closed the park in 1986. The contamination is gone and a grand re-opening is in the works.

“Quite frankly, it’s a jewel,” said Lansing Parks Director Brett Kaschinske. And being surrounded by two cemeteries, Fenner Nature Center and Sycamore Creek driving range: “You’re talking about a massive area of parkland over there.”

By 2011, former Lansing Parks Director Murdoch Jemerson had made the possibility of reopening Crego a reality. That year, the city was awarded \$500,000 from the state to go toward reopening the park. The city committed \$250,000 in matching funds for capital improvements. Jemerson had envisioned a “passive park” there, requiring low maintenance and offering “quiet” water sports like fishing, canoeing and kayaking. And



Andy Balaskovitz/City Pulse

Charlie, a 4-year-old Maltese Poodle Yorkie, crosses a new extension of the River Trail into Crego Park.

that’s what has happened. The public can now access the 15-acre Fidelity Lake (from dawn till dusk, and no swimming), which includes a handicap-accessible canoe/kayak launch and a dock to get at newly stocked fish species. A short walk from the River Trail reveals a Michigan State University Emerald Ash Borer laboratory of sorts, with purple boxes dotting the tree line to distract the invasive species from ash trees.

Rick Kibbey, president of the Lansing Parks Board, said the area has always been an expansive home for wildlife like blue heron, deer and a variety of birds.

“It’s not just an edge or a sliver of a park — it’s a great big hunk of a park,” Kibbey said. “It’s just another piece of recreational opportunity, plus it’s just kind of an interesting place to walk around in,” Kibbey said.

— Andy Balaskovitz

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday July 30, 2014 at 2:00pm at the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Brett Dreyfus
Meridian Township Clerk
CP#14_179

**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 21, 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:

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	CITY OF LANSING	3
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	34-36
	WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	19
FOSTER DRAIN (F 07-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	13-15, 22-24, 26-27
	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	3-4, 8-10, 15-17, 20
RABY DRAIN (R 01-00)	CITY OF EAST LANSING	7-9, 17
	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	4-5, 7-9, 16-17, 20
ROYSTON COUNTY DRAIN (R 22-00)	CITY OF LESLIE	20-21, 28
	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	7-9, 16-21, 28-29, 33

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 24, 2014

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner
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CRADDOCK DRAIN (C 51-00)	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	22-23, 25-26, 35-36
JEFFRIES DRAIN (J 03-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	1, 11-14
	WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP	4-5, 8-9, 17
TWYCKINGHAM DRAIN (T 21-00)	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	20
WEST AURELIUS DRAIN (W 06-00)	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	2-5, 8-11, 13-18, 19-20,
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STEM

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Information Technology Empowerment Center and Michigan Council of Women in Technology, offers summer engineering courses for local middle-school girls.

“In that transition between elementary and middle school, there are a lot of social pulls on girls,” said Janette Phillips, former executive director of the the women's council. “It’s an important time in a young girl’s life to make sure they get attention from people who care about the same things they do.”

By the 11th grade, only 5.1 percent of girls in the Lansing School District

scored a proficient math score on the MEAP standardized testing, compared with almost 12 percent of boys.

Kirk Riley, executive director of ITEC, said that “there’s a lot of pressure on girls to fit a certain mold, a mold that says they’re not that smart and they shouldn’t be interested in science and technology,” he said.

Girls ages 9 through 13 can enroll in summer courses about robotics, programming and game design — taught only by women.

“Those female role models really change the environment,” Riley said. The ITEC has offered similar classes “geared towards” girls before, but this is the first year of an all-girls program.

“Boys tend to run roughshod over girls in classes,” Riley said. “They’ll grab things, they’re much more physical and there’s a

little more bickering. It’s more welcoming for girls to have a girls-only program.”

These feelings of comfort and acceptance around other girls with similar interests lead to self-confidence, Phillips said — a key factor in maintaining girls’ interest in pursuing STEM paths. Girls tend to self-assess their academic capabilities in math and science subjects harsher than boys, according to the National Girls Collaborative Project.

“We need to get rid of the thought: ‘I’m

a girl, I can’t do this,” Phillips said.

Ultimately, overcoming that internal discomfort gets more women into the tech workforce, which leads to better products for everyone, Dillon said.

“You really need multiple viewpoints,” she said. “Having only white males creating our software means it won’t meet the needs of people who don’t look like them. It doesn’t lead to the best solution.”

—Becky McKendry

PUBLIC NOTICES

B/15/007 KIRCHER SCORER SHED REPAIRS as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids at the FINANCE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASING OFFICE, 8TH FLOOR CITY HALL, 124 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48933 until **3:00 PM** local time in effect on **JULY 17, 2014** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. **Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by calling Stephanie Robinson, CPPB at (517) 483-4128, or email: Stephanie.Robinson@lansingmi.gov, or for content and purpose of this bid contact Marty Riel, at (517) 483-4079, or go to www.mitn.info.** The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 5, 2014 IN MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Please take notice that Meridian Charter Township will hold an election on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. For the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for partisan offices:

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Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Meridian Township Clerk, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864, telephone 517-853-4300 or by viewing your ballot at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Write-in candidates as Delegates to the County Convention must file a Declaration of Intent form by 4:00pm Friday August 1, 2014 at their local Clerk’s office.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00P.M.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PCT 1 St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 2 Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 3 Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 4 Murphy Elementary School, 1875 Lake Lansing Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 5 Haslett Community Church, 1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 6 Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 7 Kinawa Middle School, 1900 Kinawa Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 8 Cornell School, 4371 Cornell Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 9 Edgewood School, 1826 Osage Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 10 Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct., Haslett, MI 48840
- PCT 11 University Baptist Church, 4608 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
- PCT 12 Wardcliff School, 5150 Wardcliff Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823
- PCT 13 Central School, 4406 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 14 Hiawatha School, 1900 Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 15 Meridian Senior Ctr., 4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 16 consolidated with Pct. 17
- PCT 17 Bennett Woods School, 2650 Bennett Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
- PCT 18 Snell Towar Recreation Center, 6146 Porter Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823
- PCT 19 United Church of Christ MI Conference, 5945 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
- PCT 20 Lansing Korean United Methodist Church, 2400 Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

All polling place locations are accessible and voting instructions are available in alternative formats of audio and Braille. An accessible voting device is also available.

The Meridian Township Clerk’s office will be open on Saturday August 2, 2014 from 8:00am to 2:00pm to issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors. Monday August 4 at 4:00pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot and the ballot must be voted in person at the Meridian Township Clerk’s office.

To see if you are registered or to find your polling location, check the Secretary of State Voter Information web site at www.michigan.gov/vote.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On July 2, 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.

June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
SUPERVISOR

BRETT DREYFUS
TOWNSHIP CLERK
CP#14_180

STATEMENT OF COUNTY TREASURER

[MCLA 211.203(3), MSA 7.63(3)]

I, Eric Schertzing, Treasurer of Ingham County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of June 30, 2014, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of the State of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in East Lansing, Haslett, Okemos and Williamston Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, is as follows:

Unit	No. of Mills	Years Still Effective
By Ingham County:	0.48 mill Transportation	through 2015
	0.12 mill Transportation	through 2015
	0.6 mill Juvenile Justice	through 2016
	0.85 mill Emergency Telephone Service	
		through 2015
	up to 0.41 mill Potter Park Zoo	through 2015
	.52 mill Health Service	through 2014
	.14 mill Farmland Preservation	
		through 2017
By Meridian Township:	.15 mill Recreation & Human Service Programs	through 2021
	.25 mill Road Repair	through 2023
	.20 mill Renew & Restore CATA Service	through 2018
	.2774 mill Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway	through 2016
	.3170 mill Meridian Park System	through 2016
	.6405 mill EMS/Fire Department	through 2019
	.6080 mill Police Department	through 2019
	.3300 mill Land Preservation	through 2019
By the Okemos School District:	.9919 mill Sinking Fund	through 2021
	18.00 mill (exempting homestead and qualified agricultural property)	through 2021
	2.000 mill Operating non-home	through 2021
By the Haslett School District	.7783 mill Sinking Fund	through 2018
	1.250 mill Sinking Fund	through 2022
	13.9653 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	1.6465 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	1.9981 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	4.000 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
By the East Lansing School District	1.286 mill Sinking Fund	through 2018
	18.2597 mill Operating non-home	through 2018
By the Williamston School District	1.00 mill Sinking Fund	through 2022
	15.4572 mill Operating non-home	through 2015
	4.5574 mill Operating non-home	through 2015
	.7500 mill Recreation	through 2023

Date: June 30, 2014
Eric Schertzing, Treasurer
Ingham County, Michigan

Brett Dreyfus
Meridian Township Clerk
CP#14_178

Pure decline

Michigan heads in the wrong direction

It's easy here in Lansing to look at Detroit's decline in isolation: big city problems, terrible schools, crumbling infrastructure, ragged parks, degraded public services.

But just as Detroit is a failing city, Michigan is a failing state with little political will to address a decade of disinvestment education, roads, communities and environment.

A report released last week by Prima Civitas, the East Lansing-based nonprofit that promotes competitiveness, innovation and a global Michigan, offers a depressing analysis of just how bad things are in this



MICKEY HIRTEN

once proud and powerful state. We drive on the crumbling roads and know that they are bad and getting worse. But it's the less obvious assets that we've shortchanged, and the consequences are real.

The report, titled "Michigan Dream at Risk," identifies and categorizes these indicators of Michigan's economy from 2004 to 2014. It's depressing.

- Roads: "Worst roads in the nation"; 15 percent drop in state investment in transportation systems.

- City services: "4,000 fewer firefighters and police in Michigan communities." Local revenue sharing has declined 31 percent.

- Children: 16 percent decline in K-12 investment, leading to the elimination of arts, music, larger classes and diminished quality.

- Higher education: "College tuitions have doubled"; 29 percent real investment drop in higher education funding.

- Outdoors: "Miles of polluted rivers has doubled; beach closures are up 22 percent

over the past 5 years. Conservation funding down 6%."

- Incomes: "Biggest fall in family incomes in the nation." Michigan has fallen from 19th to 37th in the nation in personal incomes.

None of this is a surprise to the state's political leadership. Rather, it is the direct result of policies and politics, and since 2010, the consequence of single party control. The Prima Civitas report refutes the happy-talk posturing of Gov. Rick Snyder and the "Potemkin Village" artifice of the state's Pure Michigan campaign.

From the report: "Those Michigan-branding ads tug at our hearts because they speak to the very things that are extraordinary, and authentic, about our state. The very things that we care a lot about, that help define who we are as citizens. They are the very things that also happen to be the foundation upon which the Michigan economy was built."

What are they? The report cites hard work and innovation, education, great

transportation and infrastructure and the outdoors.

"But what those 'Pure Michigan' ads are saying, and what we know right now about the reality of our state, are not the same things," Prima Civitas said. "In fact, today, all these things that we believe in and care about, things that continue to drive our economy, the very things that make Michigan a singular state as both a destination and a place to call home, are all at risk. And the problems can't be glossed over."

But they are. The Snyder administration's measures of Michigan's performance — the governor's vaunted dashboard — presents page after page of thumbs up, that is, performance improving. Economic strength, health and education value for money government — improvement, improvement, improvement. There are a few performance decline grades for quality of life and public safety. But Snyder is still proclaiming his "Comeback Kid" message and the reordering of state fiscal affairs that resulted in business tax cuts, taxes on senior citizen pensions, reduced tax breaks for low and middle income families and cuts to public education.

The Prima Civitas report complements a recent analysis by Michigan Future Inc., whose mission has helping Michigan succeed in a knowledge-driven economy. It prepared a stark comparison of Michigan's tax-cutting/disinvestment policies with those in Minnesota, which it ranked among the 15th wealthiest state in the country since 1990.

"Minnesota's sustained, strong economy defies the conventional wisdom that low taxes are the singular path to prosperity. The state's taxing and spending priorities reflect Minnesota's long held belief that support for education from preschool to the university level, and high-quality government service are key ingredients in producing prosperity of its citizens."

In short, the citizens of Minnesota invest more in their state and yield significant returns. Unemployment and poverty rates are significantly lower than in Michigan; income, sales, gasoline and corporate taxes are higher. Michigan does spend more on corrections than Minnesota: \$202 per capita versus \$91. Such are our state's priorities.

Minnesota is not the only state investing in its future. The Prima Civitas report cites New Jersey, which raised more than \$750 million to rebuild post secondary education institutions; Ohio, where voters voted in 2005 and 2010 to invest \$2.3 billion to create new jobs and companies from university research and innovation; and California, which voted to raise more than \$6 billion for schools, cities and universities.

It is something to consider as we bump along our Third World roads. Why are our leaders so shortsighted? And it's worth considering as we head into election season for a Legislature that would rather turn the state toward Mississippi than Minnesota.

Email Mickey Hirten at mickey@lansingcitypulse.com.



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Big screen treatment

Lansing's newest movie theater could stir up cultural pot

By ALLANI ROSS

On Friday, as the primates in “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes” launch their campaign to take over civilization — or at least the box office — Lansing-area audiences will see a significant shift in the local cultural landscape. A new movie theater, Regal Lansing Mall Cinemas 12 & RPX, opens Friday

Regal Lansing Mall Cinemas 12 & RPX

Regal Dream It & Achieve it Day benefitting Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan All movies \$2 today

“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” (PG)
1:10 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
“The Book Thief” (PG-13)
11:50 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

“Saving Mr. Banks” (PG-13)
1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:20 p.m.
“Mr. Peabody & Sherman” (PG)

2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
5330 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 327-0959
regmovies.com/lansing

inside the Lansing Mall. It will bring the total number of screens in Lansing to 64, the most the area has ever seen. It also opens up a whole new set of possibilities for mid-Michigan movie fans.

“Michigan was definitely an area we were interested in being a part of, and Lansing is one of the most energetic areas in the state,” said Jewel Gallagher, spokeswoman for the theater’s Knoxville, Tenn.-based parent company, Regal Entertainment Group. “This is going to be a very good fit.”

Regal Entertainment is the largest chain of movie theaters in the country, with 574 theaters in 42 states. To commemorate its grand opening, Regal

fills in a niche in the environment — it



Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

The RPX auditorium at the new Regal Lansing Mall Cinemas 12 features state-of-the-art projection, sound and leather rocking seats.

Cinemas held \$2 movie nights Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, with all money going to local charities. Additionally, through the month of July, Regal will give free pop and popcorn to all Regal free loyalty card holders.

It continues Lansing Mall’s recent growth spurt in reaching out to national chains to fill space; Longhorn Steakhouse opened its first area location there earlier this year, while Toby Keith’s I Love This Bar & Grill will open its second Michigan location there this fall.

“(We) believe the addition of these three prominent tenants will serve as major attractions within the area and will drive additional foot traffic,” said Matthew Chudoba via email, spokesman for the New York-based Rouse Properties that owns the mall. “Rouse sees great potential in Lansing Mall, as it is (ideally) located in one of the fastest growing townships in Michigan, easily accessible from I-96, I-69 and US-127.”

Mid-Michigan was already doing pretty good as far as movie theaters, but Regal fills in a niche in the environment — it

complements NCG Eastwood Cinemas on the north side, Studio C! Meridian Mall on the east and Celebration! Cinema Lansing & IMAX on the south side to create an almost uniform distribution of screens. Now no matter where you live in the capital area, you’ll never have to drive more than 10 minutes from a theater.

Regal Cinemas has 12 screens, including the Regal Premium Experience auditorium — the RPX in the name — which has a 60-foot-wide screen and a 100,000-watt sound system rumbling 300 high-back leather rocking seats. The screen requires premium pricing (prices weren’t listed as of press time). Gallagher said RPX has been a hit in other cities.

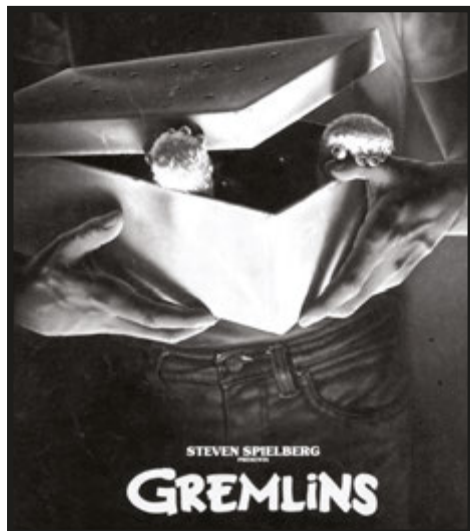
“Everything about the RPX was designed to create the best experience possible,” Gallagher said. “Even if you’re sitting in the front row, you’re going to be getting just as good an experience as you are in the middle or the back. We see ourselves as the final part of a film’s journey, from concept to presentation. We bring the Hollywood experience to a pinnacle.”

Thirteen miles southeast, Celebration! Cinema lays claim to the apex predator of modern moviegoing: Its IMAX screen towers over the RPX, gobbling up spectacle-craving audiences who seek city-leveling ape squads, radioactive monsters and razor-cheeked dominatrices.

“The IMAX screen is still the most immersive experience in the market,” said Steve VanWagoner, vice president of marketing for Celebration! Cinemas. “I haven’t seen a film at an RPX screen, but I am looking forward to checking it out.”

In one of its auditoriums last year, Celebration! added 26 D-BOX seats, which physically move in coordination with the screen, giving films the added dimension of motion. It’s all part of industry-wide move to woo back entertainment consumers who are increasingly spending their movie-watching time on smaller screens. Although annual box office totals continue to increase each year, overall attendance

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The great outdoors

Turner Street Outdoor Movie Series adds music to the mix

By ALLANI ROSS

The summer 2014 box office is looking decidedly familiar: Sequels, gritty reboots, fairy tale adaptations. Ah, the old days, when all our entertainment was original.

In its fourth year, the Turner Outdoor Street Theater looks back to the mid-’80s with three of its four movie offerings this year: “The Karate Kid” and “Gremlins,” both from 1984, and “The Flight of the Navigator” from 1986. But there’s also Steven Spielberg’s 1991 fairy tale update “Hook,” a gritty reboot

of the Peter Pan fairy tale (blast, two of the three!), which may have just been a little ahead of its time.

The films will play on a portable inflatable screen in Lot 56/Cesar Chavez plaza in Old Town. The Old Town Commercial Association uses funds raised at its other events — including the recent Festivals of the Sun and Moon — to host the free event. Old Town business Such Video picked the movies and secured the film royalties. All projection and sound equipment were donated by the Lansing Public Media Center. City Pulse is also a sponsor.

This year’s Outdoor Theater will include a new element: live music. At 9 p.m., one hour before movie time, a different Lansing-area musician will perform a short set as every-

one’s waiting for it to get dark.

It’s bring-your-own-refreshments, though, with the nearby Cravings Popcorn staying open late to sell gourmet version of that old movie standby. The commercial association will also sell Old Town T-shirts as well as stylized posters custom-made for last year’s movies, which included “Goonies,” another 1984 alum.

As long as that never gets a dark re-imagining, we’ll be good.

Turner Street Outdoor Theater

July 18 & 25; Aug. 8 & 15
All concerts start at 9 p.m.
Movies start at 10 p.m.
July 18: Ozay Moore + “Hook”
July 25: Wisaal + “The Karate Kid”
Aug. 8: DJ Ruckus + “Gremlins”
Aug. 15: Gifts or Creatures + “Flight of the Navigator”
Lot 56/Cesar Chavez Plaza, Lansing
FREE



Exploding with excitement

Thousands gather for Lansing's Fourth of July celebration

Last Friday, downtown Lansing was all fired up celebrating the country's birthday. At dusk, revelers began to settle in for the show at parks, rooftops and parking ramps to catch a glimpse of the 2014 Lansing fireworks display, which were set off from Lou Adado Riverfront Park following a free performance by the Lansing Concert Band. Shortly after 10 p.m. the familiar "whoosh ... BOOM" of exploding cassettes, kamuroes and chrysanthemums (bet you didn't know fireworks had names) echoed throughout the downtown buildings for about 10 minutes.

Parks and Recreation Director Brett Kaschinske said this year's display included just under 1,700 rounds of various-sized fireworks. But the explosions were the only things on display. A group of kayakers with brightly colored rope lights lining the sides and bows of their boats passed through the Grand River, and nearby residents added to the festivities with a few impressive mini-displays of fireworks.

-Ariniko O'Meara

Regal Cinema

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is down (chalk that disparity up to higher ticket prices and increased premium services, such as 3-D). Furthermore, fewer movies are being released each year. It's a weird time to be a theater owner.

"It used to be the studios released 400 to 500 movies each year, which were mostly watched by Americans," said Tom Leech, owner of Video-to-Go in Frandor. "Now there are only 200 to 300, and most of the money now comes from overseas markets. The most recent 'Transformers' opened bigger in China than it did here. That's never happened before."

Leech sees the opening of Regal as a positive sign that the industry is still able to reach first-run moviegoers. His bread-and-butter are those who watch at home, but he said an active first-run audience will encourage the studios to release more films. Even so, he had to shrink his 34-year-old business nearly in half five years ago as he's watched other video stores — now an endangered species — disappear around town.

"There's only so much product at play," he said. "We have the same problems (as the theaters), but on a much different scale."

One of the things theaters have started doing to lure audiences out of their caves is to give them something even more comfortable to plop down on. Memory foam seats and leather recliners — with cup holders! — have started to replace the traditional straight-backed stadium seats. Another part of the stratagem is the addition of gourmet food offerings. Sour Patch Kids and Junior Mints do not a meal make. Gallagher said Regal's kitchen will have steak burgers, personal pizzas, jalapeño poppers and spicy chicken filets.

"People are really looking for something more than popcorn and nachos when they go to the theater," Gallagher said. "We added these based on demand. And we'll continue to modify our menu based on feedback. It has the potential to grow from there."

VanWagoner confirmed the change in dining habits has been a boon for business. When Studio C! (which is operated by Cel-

ebration!) opened in December 2012, it included Oscar's Bistro, an in-theater restaurant serving upscale fare like wood-fired pizza and loaded mac and cheese.

"It's been very successful, and our premium (recliner) seating routinely sells out for the bigger movies," VanWagoner said. "We've since opened another theater like that in Portage. It works."

Also working: The addition of alcohol. No more spiking your Coke with a smuggled airplane bottle of rum; Both Studio C! and Regal feature bar menus, although Regal is limited to beer and wine. Studio C!'s fare includes specialty mixed drinks. Even the local film festivals are getting in on the act.

"We've definitely found that brew and view screenings are more highly attended than regular ones," said Dominic Cochran, co-founder of the Capital City Film Festival, held each April. "It gives people another reason to go to the movies."

He said Lansing audiences are hungry for film, as evidenced by the area's two annual film festivals — the other is the East Lansing Film Festival, entering its 17th year this fall. He said the addition of Regal Cinemas has the power to instigate a real change in local movie-watching.

"The more screens you have in an area, the better it is, plain and simple," he said. "I hope it will encourage the theaters to take more chances by showing smaller movies that won't necessarily pack houses. Lansing audiences are film savvy, but more importantly, they're open-minded. And they've responded positively to the curatorial voice that the film festival has built over the last four years."

Cochran said getting a new movie theater is actually big news, culturally speaking.

"Lansing has a lot of art galleries, we've got the Broad, and we're showing that we're ready for more art," he said. "I think it's a great sign for things to come."

Leech said he'll go to Regal to check it out, but isn't sure what it will take to get him down there.

"I'll be 69 in October — I'm finicky about what I see," he said. "I can't stay awake for mechanical monsters blowing cities up anymore. But there will always be new movies coming out, so we'll always need more movie theaters out there."

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East Lansing Public Art Gallery

"1933," mixed-media works by Kalli Halpern. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 894-2166.

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

"The God of Small Things," by mixed-media artist Imran Qureshi. Also: "Border Unseen" by sculpture artist Mithu Sen. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday & Saturday-Sunday; noon-9 p.m. Friday; closed Monday. 556 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-3900.

Great Lakes Artworks

Featuring local artists. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 306 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-4293.

Lansing Art Gallery

"Don't Know You Don't Know Me," paintings and drawings by Lesa Doke. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Friday, July 11. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturday and First Sunday. 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400.

Ledge Craft Lane

Watercolor and oil paintings by Young-Shill Roberts. Reception: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. 120 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-9843.

Mackerel Sky

Arts and crafts styling and experimental ceramic sculpture by Jonathan White. Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 211 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2211.

MICA Gallery

"NEXT: Anamnesis," by artists Katelin Mae Thomas and Kathleen Matkovic. Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 1210 Turner St., Lansing.

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MSU Museum

"They Passed Like a Cloud: the Passenger Pigeon and Extinction." Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. 409 W. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 355-7474.

Neighborhood Empowerment Center

Drawings by Alexa Ku. Reception: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 12. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980.

Saper Galleries and Custom Framing

Mixed artist exhibition. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday; 1-4 p.m. First Sundays. 433 Albert Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-0815.

(SCENE) Metrospace

"Landsome: Landscape and Then Some," featuring various artists. Reception: 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 11. Hours: 2-5 p.m. Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday. 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832.

Shiawassee Arts Center

Various works from the Flint Artist Market. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. (989) 723-8354, shiawasseearts.org.

TIC Gallery

"Questions," mixed-media works by local artists. Hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Technology Innovation Center, 325 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 319-6861.



"Iowa Christmas" by Kalli Halpern, at the East Lansing Public Art Gallery

Ongoing

Belen Gallery (inside the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame)

"Early Women Artists," featuring 20th-century oil paintings. Hours: Noon-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2-4 p.m. Sunday. 213 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing. (517) 484-1880.

Craig Mitchell Smith Glass

Indoor and outdoor glass art creations. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; Noon-6 p.m. Sunday; or by appointment. 1220 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 349-1345.

Lookout! Art Gallery

"Color Wheel of Emotions" and "Mapping Memories Michigan," two art quilt exhibits. Hours: 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at MSU, 362 Bogue St., Room C210, East Lansing. (517) 355-0210.

Nokomis Learning Center Gallery

The art of Anishinaabe Native Americans. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-5777.

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LANSING ROCK CITY

A chat with six up-and-coming local acts

Lansing's booming rock scene has thrust several local bands into the national spotlight. Just look at Dominic John Davis: Last year he was rocking the Green Door, this year he performed on the Grammy Awards with Jack White. Local boy rocks hard.

To celebrate the success of Davis and Cheap Girls, which is in the middle of yet another national tour, we tracked down some locals who have either started hitting it big or are knocking on the door. Also: We learned that a band can realistically compare itself to an artichoke without sounding ridiculous. Who knew?

Q&A: JOE HERTLER & THE RAINBOW SEEKERS

..... INTERVIEW WITH JOE HERTLER, 25, GUITAR AND VOCALS



How would you describe the Lansing music scene? It's in its own little bubble. It doesn't always get the credit it deserves. Lansing's not really thought of as musical, but there are a lot of really talented bands. I like to be a group that represents that. All people here are really proud to be from and making music in Lansing. It's a cool place.

What's the coolest place you've been on tour and why? Electric Forest last weekend was pretty frickin' awesome. Nothing beats it. Big festivals mean you're in for an adventure and that's what

it's about. It's getting there and getting to connect with a whole lot of people.

Who is one of your biggest influences musically? We listen to the Kendrick Lamar discography a lot. And D'Angelo. There's no artist more influential than D'Angelo. Though our music doesn't sound like it, we listen to a lot of neo-soul and R&B. I like dance, house and techno, and pull a lot from it.

What are you up to next? We're releasing a record and that will probably be out this fall. Up next is Hoxeyville, Blissfest and Common Ground. We're perfecting our craft and working our hardest to keep doing this. The next step is turning this part-time job into a full-time job.

Upcoming gig: Common Ground Music Festival, Riverfront Park, Lansing, Sunday, July 13

Q&A: FRONTIER RUCKUS

..... INTERVIEW WITH MATTHEW MILIA, 28, GUITAR, HARMONICA, PEDAL STEEL, VOCALS



Best gig in Lansing ever? When we won the MSU Battle of the Bands in 2006. It's still one of our best days ever. It was immediate success in such a small way, but felt like we were winning the World Cup. We still have the cardboard check they gave us.

How would you describe the Lansing music scene? East Lansing is a college town, so no one sticks around for longer than four years. It continually regenerates itself as the bands move on.

What's the coolest place you've been on tour and why? On our first European tour, our show in Amsterdam got canceled so we ended up booking a weird show at a 14th-century cathedral in a small (Netherlands) farm town, Noordbroek. The whole town came out and bought our CDs, it was great. We always make sure to go back there. On our last tour we played at (Silencio), David Lynch's club in Paris. It was three stories underground. (There were) French actresses buying us drinks.

What are you up to next? We are doing the East Coast in August. Come November, once the album comes out, we are doing a world tour. I have the next two records written. Having time off means having more songs than we know what to do with.

Q&A: WAYNE SZALINSKI

..... INTERVIEW WITH ANDY MILAD, 21, VOCALS



What is the story behind your band name? We named ourselves after Rick Moranis' character in "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." It was chosen rather haphazardly, (but) we've come to appreciate (it).

Best gig in Lansing ever? The most recent time we played at (East Lansing's) Harriet Brown (house). The energy filling that tiny garage was overwhelming.

How would you describe the Lansing music scene? The best aspect of the musical community in Lansing has to be the house shows. There aren't

many, but when we can pack a basement with friends and fellow musicians it's an absolute treasure.

What are some Lansing area bands /musicians you would recommend? Gue Chevara, Wet T-Shirt Contest, Absolute Boyfriend, alone@home and Anders Mildieu.

What's your favorite Lansing food spot? Emo's on Trowbridge when we're feeling blue, Woody's Oasis for most other moods. Honorable mention goes to the off-brand Papa John's on Michigan Avenue.

Upcoming gig: Audiobtree Music Festival, District Square, Kalamazoo, Sept. 6

GONE ALL

CHEAP GIRLS LEADS THE PACK OF A NEW BREED OF

Last month, **Ian Graham** was preparing for an 18-hour drive to Florida with his band, **Cheap Girls**. The trip would serve as the first leg of the trio's three-month national tour, which is now zigzagging its way through the Midwest on its way to Los Angeles. But just hours before the momentous journey's start, Graham was decidedly relaxed. Which was puzzling, because he hadn't started getting ready.

"I haven't even packed yet," said Graham, 28, the band's lead vocalist and bassist. "It'll be fine. I'm just excited to be (on the road)."

Graham's laidback approach to highway life is hardly a surprise. Since 2009, the road has been the band's second residence. After gigging locally in a few high school bands, Graham formed **Cheap Girls** in 2007 along with his brother Ben Graham (drummer) and long-time friend Adam Aymor (guitarist). They've released a handful of 7-inch singles, four LPs — including this year's "Famous Graves," its most sonically ambitious disc to date — and scored press from Rolling Stone and Spin Magazine.

Graham has lost count of how many American tours the Girls have embarked on ("maybe a couple dozen"), and keeping track of its international roster may also start to get difficult — three trips through Europe and a tour of Australia last fall have kept them busy. **Cheap Girls** leads a robust Lansing music scene that has seen a surge in local bands also making a play for national stardom (see sidebars).

Graham took some time out from not packing to talk about the Lansing rock scene, how a knee surgery can help in songwriting and why you may catch a random Adam Sandler reference in his music.

HOW DO YOU LIKE TRAVELING? I hate driving. I drove to Battle Creek the other day and it was terrible. I used to find some weird peacefulness from riding in the van for long periods, but I get exhausted from long trips. Four hours seems like a breeze, but we have this first 18-hour drive tonight before we're in Florida for the first show of the tour. I'm very grateful for touring, but there are definitely periods where we could use a break. I don't like touring for 12 weeks straight. I like it broken up.

WERE YOU IMPRESSED WITH THE NATIONAL COVERAGE THE BAND HAS RECEIVED? My parents think it's great. I think it definitely helps get a wider audience. It's like getting a City Pulse cover.

WAS THERE A SPECIFIC POINT WHEN YOU REALIZED CHEAP GIRLS WAS BECOMING A REAL JOB? It was when our second record, "My Roaring 20's," came out in late 2009. It was the beginning of 2010 when we really started doing more tours. That was when we had to start letting our jobs know that we'd be gone for three or four weeks. We went to England before we even hit the West Coast.

HOW DOES THE BAND DO ON THE WEST COAST? We do really well. The first time we went there was the end of 2009, and people were there to a surprising degree. We've been pretty fortunate on the West Coast, but it could also be that we don't play there as much. There are a lot of states you have to go through, like Ohio, so we play there all of the fucking time.



"CHEAP GIRLS" ILLUSTRATION

WHERE DO YOU STAY WHEN YOU TOUR? mostly hotels now but it depends on the people who we're going to hang out with. I like cheaper hotels, but not the really cheap ones. I think I like those shitty novels that really romanticize it but just won't have any part of it.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HOW THE MUSIC SCENE HAS CHANGED? We get the pop punk thing more now. People tend to throw that label around and loud. I've always preferred the easy thing to go to.

WHAT INFLUENCED "FAMOUS GRAVES"? I've had six. But it's hard to say over a year and a half, so it's (not)

I HEAR YOU'RE A BIG FILM FAN. HOW DOES THAT WORK IN YOUR MUSIC? It actually does. I have a few 90-minute comedies. I have a few songs. They aren't these pop songs, but a funny nod to the comedies we love. (will be) a "Happy Gilmore" quote. I'm great at movie quoting.

YOU'VE SAID "FAMOUS GRAVES" IS THE BEST WORK IN COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS RECORDS. HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE THE FIRST RECORD TO BE RECORDED IN FLORIDA? The first record was recorded in Florida. The second record was done over

SUMMER

By RICH TUPICA

LANSING ROCKERS GETTING NATIONAL ATTENTION



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third one, "Giant Orange," we had about three weeks of studio time. On "Famous Graves," we spent 30 full days in the studio. It's common, especially with rock bands, to just double things to make things full. This doesn't have as many repeated sounds. There's different instrumentation. There are more dynamics.

DESCRIBE A TYPICAL DAY IN THE TOUR VAN. It's pretty mellow. We listen to a lot of music, but we also listen to a lot of stand-up comedy and podcasts because they pass time differently.

WHAT BANDS ARE YOU INTO? I'm listening to the new Reigning Sound record. I'm also listening to a lot of our friends' new records. Against Me! and the Hold Steady both have brilliant new albums.

YOU'VE BEEN IN THE LANSING AREA YOUR ENTIRE LIFE. DOES THE CITY REFLECT IN CHEAP GIRLS' MUSIC? Absolutely, but it's hard to pinpoint. When you spend all of your time in one place it just seeps into the music.

DO YOU ENJOY TRAVELING WITH OTHER BANDS? Yeah. We've never been with any bands that are just unbearable. That's how we've made some of our best friends. The guys from Andrew Jackson Jihad are some of our best friends. Their singer, Sean Bonnette, lives in Lansing now and is a part of the stand-up comedy circuit here. But you become friends with the sound guy, your tour manager. It's really fun when there are like 22 people

on a tour and everyone gets along.

WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THE LANSING MUSIC SCENE? Unfortunately, I haven't been to as many local shows lately. I don't go to bars as commonly because I'm at bars a lot on the road. I hang out with my roommates for the most part. I've lived with Adam since (about) two months after we started the band.

BEN AND HIS WIFE RECENTLY HAD A BABY. HOW'S THAT BEEN? It's not slowing us down. A lot of the bands we tour with have kids. I think we're getting to that age where it's not really uncommon. I'm glad. I definitely don't like the idea of the band taking over real life.

DO YOU THINK REAL LIFE WILL EVER BREAK UP CHEAP GIRLS? It would take something pretty catastrophic. I just don't see how it would break up. I could see it slowing down but I don't see it collapsing. I think there will be periods where it's not as active.

WHAT'S SOME TOURING ADVICE YOU'D GIVE TO A NEW LOCAL BAND? Don't expect too much in the beginning. Be willing to take as much bad news as good news. Be able to live on very meager means. And it may not work. It's a high-risk thing, but you might be happily surprised. There will be some shit situations.

CHEAP GIRLS is on tour through the end of August and is booked for **Midwest Fest in Mt. Pleasant Sept. 25.** FOR FULL TOUR INFO, GO TO CHEAPGIRLS.NET.

YOU'RE ON THE ROAD? We do... if we have friends in the area, hanging out with anyway. We'll stay at really low-budget ones. I kind of like it's because I've read enough to criticize them, but Ben and Adam

YOUR MUSIC IS CLASSIFIED? More than I think we deserve. I don't label on anything that's poppy and power pop, but pop punk is

"GRAVES"? I think a lot of knee surr... to say. The songs (were) written... really all that focused.

... DOES THAT EVER INFLUENCE I predominantly watch shitty, borrowed lines from movies in a poetic lines, either. It's more of a watch. All of the sudden there quote out of nowhere. Adam is

... HAD SOME EXTRA PRODUCTION ...IOUS ALBUMS? Like a shitload. ...n four 17-hour days in a cabin. ...r a couple weeks on and off. The

Q&A: THE DEVIL'S CUT

..... INTERVIEW WITH MAX GAUGHAN, 26. ACOUSTIC GUITAR AND VOCALS

What is the story behind your band name?

There's a process in making whiskey where some of the whiskey gets absorbed into the barrel. That portion of the loss is called "the devil's cut."

Best gig in Lansing ever? We did this show with the Goddamn Gallows earlier in the year at the Avenue (Café). Fantastic turnout, awesome energy. They had to wrap mattresses around one of the support beams because people kept running into it, we blew out a couple of the house speakers. We needed a couple people from the crowd to run security.

Who is one of your biggest influences musically? Eric Peterson from the band Mischief Brew from Philadelphia. He's a folk/punk musician. He's a fantastic writer. Andrew Jackson Jihad, I've been trying to get together a gig with them, but they are a bunch of busy guys. Against Me! would be another big one. Good on Laura Jane Grace, the shit she must have gone through the past couple years, I don't know how she does it coming out as transgender and touring as a musician at the same time. More power to her.



Q&A: THE GODDAMN GALLOWES

..... INTERVIEW WITH FISHGUTZZZ, 33. UPRIGHT BASS

What is the story behind your band name? At first we were just the Gallows, but there was a band in the UK named the Gallows so we changed it out of anger that they had the name already.

How would you describe the Lansing music scene? It's been great for the most part. There are many great bands in Lansing, but the scene goes up and down at some points.

What are some Lansing area bands/musicians you would recommend? The Hunky Newcomers, the Devil's Cut and my brother's band, the Piss Poor Players.

What are you up to next? We just released a new album called "The Maker" and we're on tour around the country. After that we're probably going to take a bit of a break then book another tour to kick off the winter. We just got to keep going.

Upcoming gig: The Majesty Complex, Detroit, Saturday, Aug. 23



Q&A: THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

..... INTERVIEW WITH ALEX SZEGEDY, 25. LEAD GUITARIST/VOCALIST

What is the story behind your band name? We derived it from the Jonestown massacre. (It has a shock rock value.)

Best gig in Lansing? The Broad Art Museum. It was the first time we had our new guitarist with us, Christopher Minarik. For one thing, we were sober.

It was outside, so the sound was very odd, but we nailed it. Every aspect you could imagine was perfect and it was a beautiful night. The sun was going down as we played and it couldn't have been better. We brought some rock and roll to the place.

What's the coolest place you've been on tour and why? We got to tour with the British '90s band LOOP, who hadn't been to the U.S. in 20 years. We hung out with them and got to play some big theaters. The dudes were really cool and ended up really digging our music.

What are you up to next? We (have) an EP in September called "Weekend Times" coming out from a record label in Queens. And then in October we are touring a little more.

Upcoming gig: Common Ground Music Festival, Riverfront Park, Lansing, Saturday, July 12



Q&A: DOMINIC JOHN DAVIS

Dominic John Davis, 38, plays bass in Jack White's Third Man House Band based in Nashville, Tenn. He is also a former member of Lansing-based band Steppin' In It.

What was your biggest musical influence growing up in Lansing? Elderly Instruments. I think folks locally don't realize how rare that place is. For a young musician like me who, at an early age, was into the acoustic side of rock 'n' roll, Elderly made it easy to dig deeper into acoustic American music and its roots. Everything you needed was there. Books, recordings, instruments. Plus there are always two dozen bands working out of that place. It couldn't help but shape my musical influences.

How is it working with Jack White? Playing with Jack is particularly special. We met in grade school and learned how to play music together as children. We never had a plan or teachers or lessons — just a room full of instruments and a tape recorder and we figured it out eventually. Over the years I've learned to trust him musically and as a performer. With him, music is very alive and constantly changing. Jack grabs the entire band and dives head first into the process and the result is unpredictable and incredibly moving.

What's up for you next? When I'm home, I do a lot of recording sessions and day-to-day parenting. Jack just released his record in June so we've got quite a few tours coming up. My wife Rachael (Davis) is recording a new record. I've very excited about that one.



THE SCREENING ROOM

by ALLAN I. ROSS

Crisis of faith

Lansing indie 'Ashes of Eden' aims high with morality play

The Bible is so hot, you guys. Besides the recent surprise hit films "God's Not Dead" and "Heaven Is for Real," there was "Son of God," yet another biopic of Jesus, and "Noah," which confused just as many devout filmgoers as it angered with the liberties it took from its Old Testament roots. Coming soon: Christian Bale begs Pharaoh to let his people go in "Exodus: Gods and Kings" this fall,

and "Mary," the prequel to "The Passion of the Christ" coming next spring.

With all the A-list Bible stories gobbled up by the big studios, leave it to the indie filmmakers to dig into some of the less epic parts. There's a lot of ways you can go.

"Ashes of Eden" is a Lansing-based independent film written, directed and produced by mid-Michigan filmmakers and starring local actors. It's a loose retelling of the Prodigal Son parable, with a wayward son losing his way in the world.

When Redmond "Red" Duncan (Steven Sutherland) gets expelled from school on his 18th birthday, it sets off a chain reaction of events that finds the misguided lad stealing drugs from his girlfriend's brother, Carlos (Carlucci Weyant), and getting tangled up with a middle-aged drug dealer (co-producer DJ Perry). His mother, Dana (Melissa Anschutz), is a police officer in town, and her partner, Shawn (played by film's writer/director Shane Hagedorn), is the one routinely sent to hunt him down.

Anschutz invests the film with a painful longing for ... something (her husband? a sober son?), which gives the film a distinct resonance. Weyant proves to be a charismatic evil force that's just this side of detestable. Sutherland, an intense young actor, deftly captures the fear and anger central to Red's decline, even as the film's plot (which suffers from severely spotty logic) works overtime to make Red's situation impossible.

Really? He's expelled for smelling like pot? By the principal, who's also his mother's boyfriend? And this is after he



Courtesy Photo

Steven Sutherland stars as morally adrift Red in the locally produced film, "Ashes of Eden."

stays strong and just says no? Come on, that's gotta count for something. It's almost like there's a higher force trying to screw him over.

Which is where the religious imagery starts to creep in. Drugs are bad, mmkay, church is good. When Dana lugs Red and his brother to church, it takes about as well as you think it does. His girlfriend (Mayra Leal) is an absolute Angel. Named Angela. Who's dressed like an angel when we first meet her. Similarly, Carlos always appears and disappears in clouds of smoke.

The spotty logic applies to proper hospital, police and drug dealer procedures (or from what I've picked up from "E.R.," "Law & Order" and "New Jack City.") But maybe I'm just overthinking it.

The target audience for "Ashes of Eden" is young churchgoers about to enter the world of peer pressure who aren't immune to heavy-handed sermonizing and incredulous plot twists. But that's not me. The acting is good, overall. The

production values are solid. And Lansing-area viewers will probably be excited to see local areas popping in the background (so long, Bar 30, we barely knew ya!). But Hagedorn, also the film's editor, just needed to be a little more brutal with the cutting tool than with his characters' pitfalls.

That said, I'm eager to see what Hagedorn and company cook up next. "Ashes of Eden" shows glimmers of excellence, and the film effectively wallows in a believable gloom. Next time, hopefully, it will be a little more grounded in reality. Or at least a better Bible story.

"Ashes of Eden" opens Friday at Celebration! Cinema Lansing & IMAX.

"Ashes of Eden" (NR)

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Wednesday, July 9

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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Things to Come. Discussion on progressive view. 6-7 p.m., FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing. (517) 484-7434. PilgrimUCC.com.

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EVENTS

Strategy Game Night. Learn and share favorite games. 5-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District

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Photo by Chris Purchis
Boyd (Matthew Gwynn) as Paddy and Jed (Zev Steinberg) as the sheep performing "My Last Potato" in THE BIG BANG at the Williamston Theatre.

Williamston Theatre ends its season with 'Bang'

THURSDAY, JULY 10 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

"The Earth began to cool/the autotrophs began to drool/Neanderthals developed tools/we built a wall, we built the pyramids/ Math, science, history/unraveling the mysteries,

That all started with the big bang."

"The Barenaked Ladies" wrote the theme song for the hit CBS show "The Big Bang," which gets ... some of things right about life, the universe and everything. And this week the Williamston Theatre weighs in with another

take on "The Big Bang" with a new musical comedy starting this week that has absolutely nothing to do with the show. But hey, it's a cool name.

Williamston's "The Big Bang," which has preview performances this weekend before regular shows next week, follows wannabe tycoons Jed and Boyd as they search for people to fund their new Broadway project, "The Big Bang." They've set up a "backers' audition" for investors for their show, which "has a cast of hundreds" and depicts the history of the world. From the formation of the planets to Adam and Eve to the pyramids and Cher, it's overblown, ridiculous — and everything Jed and Boyd think audiences want to see. The show may remind some folks of Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom from the Broadway hit, "The Producers," which tells the story of another unlikely pair

that set out to make a million off of a Broadway flop. Yeah, absolutely nothing to do with that show either.

Directed by Rob Roznowski, this zany song-and-dance musical, features music by Jed Feuer with the book and lyrics by Boyd Graham. "The Big Bang" is supported in part by an award from the



Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

During the first four previews, audience members will have the opportunity

to take part in a talkback session with

the director following each performance. Opening night is July 18, with the run going through Aug. 17. Performances run Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with additional 3 p.m. matinees on Saturdays starting July 19. Tickets are pay-what-you-can for this Thursday. Remaining preview tickets are \$15. Starting opening night ticket prices are \$25 Friday and Saturday evening, \$22 for Saturday and Sunday matinees and \$20 for Thursday evenings. 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-SHOW, williamstontheatre.com

—ALEXA MCCARTHY

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



FRI. JULY 11TH

THE PLURALS GO ACOUSTIC AT MAC'S

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$7, \$5 adv., 9 p.m., Friday, July 11.

Lansing alt-rock fixture the Plurals tones down its amped-up sound with an acoustic set featuring Tommy & Hattie Plural. The Plurals' bio describes its sound as "noisy, poppy, spacey and punky." Opening are Epoxy, Bear Creek Brothers, Jeremy Cronk and Tyler Silvestri. This show also serves as a record release gig for Bluffing the Ghosts. The Plurals, whose members also operate GTG Recordings, were absent from the Lansing scene earlier this year when they spent the first couple months touring. In April, they released a new 7-inch single, a split with Black Sparrow Press. Since it formed in 2007, the Plurals have released two albums, most recently 2011's "The Plurals Today, The Plurals Tomorrow: A Futuroerspective."

NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS AT THE PUMP HOUSE

Pump House Concerts, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. All ages, \$15 donation, 7 p.m., Sunday, July 13

Three Nashville songwriters — Tony Arata, Craig Carothers and Jesse Terry — perform in the round Sunday at East Lansing's Pump House venue. This is the trio's only Michigan date. Carothers is a native of Portland, Ore. Over the last two decades, he's released 10 albums; his songs have been recorded by big names like Trisha Yearwood, Kathy Mattea and Peter, Paul and Mary. Carothers spends half of the year performing on stages across the country, the other half in the studio and designing album covers. When he's not working on his projects, Carothers teaches a lyric-writing class at the University of Miami and various songwriting workshops across the U.S. and in Europe.

SUN. JULY 13TH

NEW POLITICS AT THE LOFT

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$17, \$15 adv., 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 15.

New Politics, a Denmark-based dance-rock band best known for its poppy hit singles "Yeah Yeah Yeah" and "Harlem," headline Tuesday at the Loft. Openers are Mike Mains & The Branches and Shapes & Colors. New Politics signed with RCA Records in late 2009 and its members — Soren Hansen (guitar/vocals/keys), vocalist David Boyd and drummer Louis Vecchio — relocated to Brooklyn. The following summer the trio released its self-titled debut record. The band's sophomore disc, "A Bad Girl in Harlem," arrived last year. New Politics spent last summer opening for Fall Out Boy on the "Save Rock and Roll Spring Tour." This year they've opened up the 2014 "Monumentour," featuring headliners Paramore and Fall Out Boy.

TUE. JULY 15TH

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.			The After Party w/DJ Mo Beatz, 10 p.m.	Nick Merz, 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.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka Project, 9 p.m.	Hippy Stew, 9 p.m.	Hippy Stew, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	The Union Suits, 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.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 8 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	Lady Luck Band, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Mark Hummell, 8 p.m.	From Big Sur, 8:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.	The Bears, 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.				Wax Poetic, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Castle, 9 p.m.	The Plurals, 9 p.m.	Threaded Pulse, 9 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Hopening Quartet, 10 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	The Jet Beats, 9:30 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.			
Uli's Haus of Rock, 4519 S. Martin Luther King Jr.	Dead Man's Creed, 8 p.m.	Mine Enemies Fall, 8 p.m.	Five Hundredth Year, 8 p.m.	Minus Two, 8 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beeftones, 8:30 p.m.	Blind Ambition, 8:30 p.m.	Blind Ambition, 8:30 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	

PLAY IN A BAND? BOOK SHOWS? LIVE & LOCAL LISTS UPCOMING GIGS!

To get listed just email us at liveandlocal@lansingcitypulse.com or call (517) 999-6710

WHAT TO DO: Submit information by the Friday before publication (City Pulse comes out every Wednesday.) Be sure to tell us the name of the performer and the day, date and time of the performance. Only submit information for the following week's paper.

Out on the town

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Library. 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

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. crisisrfc.com.

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

Tween Video & Board Games. Ages 9-12. Bring your friends for games. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3, dtdl.org.

Summer Baby Time. Intended for ages 0-2yrs. with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

Lego Building Challenge. LEGOs provided. Ages 4 and up eligible to enter. 1-4 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

Hank 4 Congress Holt Town Hall. Meet and greet with Jeffrey Hank. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Charlar Place, 4230 Charlar Drive, Holt. (855) 426-5529. VoteHank.org.

MUSIC

Music in the Park. Pooh and Jim & The Grand River Band to perform. 7 p.m. FREE. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-8548. meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

Thursday, July 10

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.

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.

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. 9.



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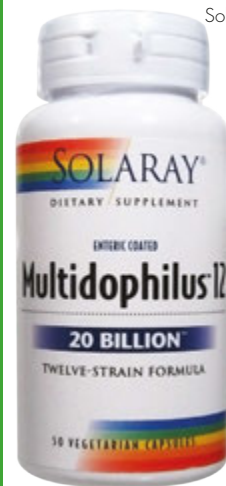
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Out on the town

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Turtle Time Nature Camp. Kids discover turtles 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.

Snakes Alive! Nature Camp. Kids discover snakes 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.

Wilderness Child Nature Camp. Kids learn outdoor skills & 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.

Take Root Garden Camp. For ages 5-10. 10 a.m.-noon, \$20. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3918. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Managing Digital Photos. Upload, save, manage and share photos. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4394, iteclansing.org.

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.

YPAAL Happy Hour. Meet and network with other local professionals. 5:30-7 p.m. FREE. Tavern On the Square, 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (614) 266-0852.

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

Wacousta Farmers Market. Local produce, food items and more. 4-8 p.m. FREE. Wacousta United Methodist Church, 9180 W. Herbison Road, Eagle. (517) 626-6623. wacoustaumc.org.

Student Organic Farm Farmstand. Local, organic

produce for sale including berries. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. MSU Erickson Hall, 620 Farm Lane, East Lansing. (517) 230-7987, msuorganicfarm.com.

Construction StoryTime. Ages 2-6. Enjoy stories, songs and a craft. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

Friendship Force International. Recruiting new members. Call for details. Hickory Hills Clubhouse, 500 Woodingham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 694-3371.

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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.

Brookshire Inn & Golf Club With North Country Flyers. Live performance. 7 p.m. FREE. Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St., Williamston. (517) 655-4695. brookshiregolfclub.com.

Open Jam at The Colonial. All talents welcome. \$8 Sizzler dinner special, 8 p.m. No cover. Colonial Bar and Grill, 3425 S. MLK Jr. Blvd., Lansing. (517) 882-6132. colonialbarandgrille.com.

Music in the Garden. Featuring Zydecronch. Rock with a twist of Zydeco. 7 p.m. FREE. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-2135. holtarts.org.

THEATER

Moonlight Film Festival. The LEGO Movie (PG), live music: John Kohler. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Ct., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Nonfiction Book Club. Discuss "Endurance" by Alfred Lansing. 11 a.m. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4.

Friday, July 11

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Rummage Sale. Consider donating any unwanted items. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

EVENTS

One-on-One Business Counseling. Call (517) 483-1921 to register. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. 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.

Finding Nonprofit Funding On. Seminar on fundraising resources. 10-11:30 a.m., FREE. MSU Library, MSU Campus, 366 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-0910. lib.msu.edu.

Howl at the Moon Guided Walk. Enjoy a guided night walk in the moonlit woods. 9-10 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

Teen Maker Projects. Ages 13-18. Creative building challenges. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, ext. 3. dtdl.org.

Spartan Speedway Figure 8 Race. School bus figure 8 race. Gates 5 p.m., race 7:30 p.m. \$10. Spartan Speedway, 779 N. College Road, Mason. (517) 323-3254. hbalansing.com.

Tie Dye Craft. Bring a white T-shirt, we supply the rest. Ages 5 and up, 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

MUSIC

Concerts on the Square with North Country

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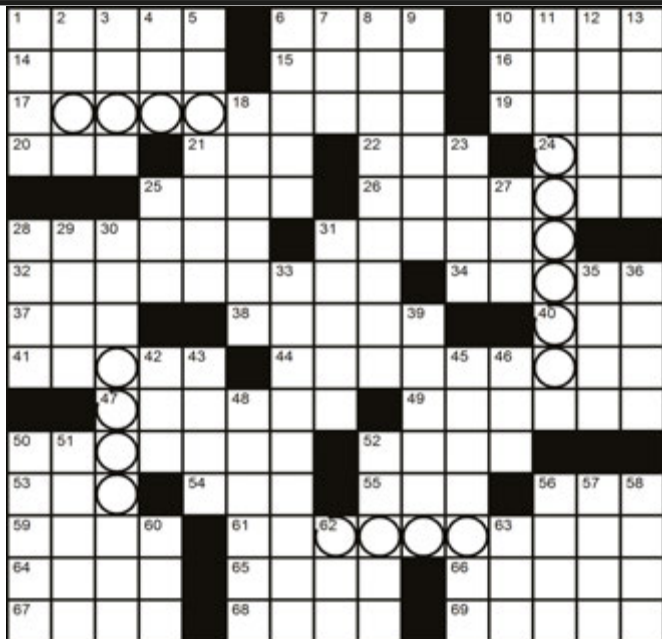
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Watch Your Step"-
-bad things are
underfoot.
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Across

- 1 Suit fabric
- 6 "Charlie's Angels" actress Cheryl
- 10 Flip, as a coin
- 14 Griffin, in part
- 15 "The Kite Runner" protagonist
- 16 Office shape
- 17 Sluggish crawl
- 19 With 35-Down, Red great
- 20 "Bob & Carol & ___ & Alice"
- 21 Brightness measures, for short



- 22 "Hawaii Five-O" actor Fong
- 24 Tear
- 25 On target
- 26 Esteemed
- 28 She played Rudy on "The Cosby Show"
- 31 Drawer's eraser
- 32 Confidently
- 34 Weather phenom-enon
- 37 Ending for arch or mock
- 38 Wooden shoe worn by peasants
- 40 One out of ten
- 41 Earn
- 44 He married a Kar-dashian
- 47 Kennedy's killer, officially
- 49 Works on a long sentence?
- 50 Deus ex ___
- 52 50-year-old (!) Brad
- 53 Make inquiries
- 54 Warehouse unit
- 55 ___ and outs
- 56 Shakespeare title word
- 59 Directing surname
- 61 Coffee break talk
- 64 Atop
- 65 Neet rival
- 66 React to shocking news, maybe
- 67 Make a nice home
- 68 Baker's amts.
- 69 Pole wavers
- Down
- 1 Battery component
- 2 Fall back
- 3 "Holy cow!"
- 4 Super Bowl XLII MVP
- 5 Manning
- 6 Hallucinatory states
- 7 Forgetful moment
- 8 Football Hall of Famer Eric
- 9 Devised, with "up"
- 10 Spinning item
- 11 Chews the scenery
- 12 Fancy fabric
- 13 Snoozed
- 18 Young pigeons
- 23 "Top Gun" enemy planes
- 25 Word starting some superhero names
- 27 Filbert, for one
- 28 Bill of umpiring fame
- 29 Green land?
- 30 They're "in flight," according to "After-noon Delight"
- 31 Just ___ (no better)
- 33 They won three World Series in the 1970s
- 35 See 19-Across
- 36 NL team
- 39 Skill noted by temp agencies
- 42 Suffix after flu
- 43 Dunderhead
- 45 Uses, as plates
- 46 Concerning, when texting
- 48 Apply holy oil to
- 50 Georgia city
- 51 Without dissent
- 52 Morgan or Anthony
- 56 Biggest of seven
- 57 Penalize
- 58 Makes a decision
- 60 "___ cool"
- 62 Glass part
- 63 Mr. Mineo

THURSDAY, JULY 10 >> MOONLIGHT FILM FESTIVAL

Nothing says summer like watching a movie in the moonlight. "The LEGO Movie" will start the Moonlight Film Festival outdoor film series. The festival is a weekly event that extends through Aug. 14. Movies will be displayed on a big screen in Valley Court Park in East Lansing. The event is free; attendants are asked to bring their own seating. Live music will also be played in the park. Every week will feature a different artist performing live an hour before the movie begins. This week's performer is Jack Kohler. For information concerning rain cancellations, visit the City of East Lansing's website. 8:30 music, 9:30 p.m. movie. FREE. Valley Court Park, 280 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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INTERMEDIATE

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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Flyers. Live performance. 6:30 p.m. FREE. 1000 W. St. Joseph, MLK. Blvd., Lansing.

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

Summer Concert Series. Feat. Elden Kelly & The Next Step. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Saturday, July 12

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 GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Preservation Your Harvest. Dehydrating, fermenting, hot-water and more. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, LansingCityMarket.com.

Stillness & Loving Touch. Explore healing powers. Noon-2 p.m. \$40. Mindful Movement & Physical Therapy, 2740 East Lansing Drive, East Lansing. (517) 853-9139. mindfulmovement.biz.

Rummage Sale. Consider donating any unwanted items. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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

Kids Mud Run. Obstacles & mud pits. For ages 5-15. Non-timed. 9 a.m.-Noon, \$12/\$10 Delta Township residents. Grand Woods Park, 4500 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov.

Thunder Moon Campfire. Campfire, nature program, roast marshmallows and walk. 7-8:30 p.m. \$3/\$5 family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

Kick Game Crazy. Premiere Buy-Sell-Trade Show. Noon-6 p.m. \$10. Best Western Plus Lansing Hotel, 6820 South Cedar St., Lansing. kickgamecrazy.com.

Snake Rodeo. Music and art. All day, FREE. 407 S. Magnolia, Lansing.

Free Airplane Rides for Kids. For kids ages 8-17. Parents must be present. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Mason Jewett Airport, 655 Aviation Dr., Mason. (517) 853-1418, eaa55.org.

MUSIC

Summer Concert Series. Featuring Time 2 Play. 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.

Deacon Earl at City Market. Live blues, reggae and more. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460. lansingcitymarket.com.

Sunday, July 13

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown

Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 371-5119, ruetenik@gmail.com.

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 7 p.m. FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, JULY 13 >> LITTLE FEATS 5K RUN/WALK

The Meridian Co. will host this 5K run/walk to benefit Mott Children's Hospital for pediatric brain tumor research. The course will run through Central Park, Nancy Moore Park and Nemoke Trail. Medals will be awarded to the overall winner as well as the top three places in each age group. Following the event, there will be a children's "Fun run," giving them an opportunity to win a medal after running around the Meridian complex. 8 a.m. Meridian Township Office Complex, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. Registration fee, \$30/\$25 in advance. Register at runsignup.com/LittleFeats.

MONDAY, JULY 14 >> FRIENDS OF THE LANSING RIVER TRAIL KICK OFF EVENT

A new organization in town is celebrating its formation with a party. Friends of the Lansing River Trail's board members are people who share a common passion for the trail and want to make it safer and more accessible to the community. The event will give people the chance to become a friend of the trail as well. A \$20 donation gives members affiliate status. A donation of \$50 annually will give members a say in River Trail initiatives and the ability to vote in elections for the group. 5:30-7 p.m. Clark Hill Law Offices, 212 E Grand River Ave., Lansing. lansingrivertrail.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 >> AUHTOR TALK WITH VERONICA ROTH

Author of best-selling YA dystopian "Divergent" trilogy, Veronica Roth, will host an author talk at Schuler Books & Music in Eastwood Towne Center. The event will include a conversation with Pheobe North, author of "Starglass" and "Starbreak," followed by a Q&A session. Roth's new book, "Four" is a spinoff from the "Divergent" series, which is a compilation of short stories told from Tobias "Four" Eaton's viewpoint, one of the main character in the series. Both Roth and North will have pre-signed copies of "Four" and "Starglass" available for those who purchase pre-ordered tickets to the event. The first 100 tickets distributed online will be seated; after seats are full, the event package tickets and companion tickets will be for standing room only. 7 p.m. \$30. 2820 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495, schulertools.com/veronica-roth-conversation.



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Michigan Fruit and Nut Growers. Potluck, tour and more. Noon-6 p.m. FREE. Nash Nurseries, 4975 Grand River Road, Owosso. (517) 651-5278. nashnurseries.com.

Little Feats 5K Run/Walk. Benefits Mott's Children's Hospital. 8 a.m. \$30/\$25 advance. Meridian Township Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, East Lansing. (517) 349-3803. runsignup.com.

Monday, July 14

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Pre-registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

Job Seekers Support Group. Find the right job or career. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163, womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated and widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-2272, stdavidslansing.org.

Middle School Band Camp. Class instruction, performance and more. 9-2:50 p.m. \$215. MSU Music School, 841 Timberlane Dr., East Lansing. (517) 355-7661. cms.msu.edu.

Musical Theatre Camp. Voice development and more. 9-3 p.m. \$220 grades 2-8/\$300 grades 9-12. MSU Community Music School, 4930 S. Hagadorn Road, East

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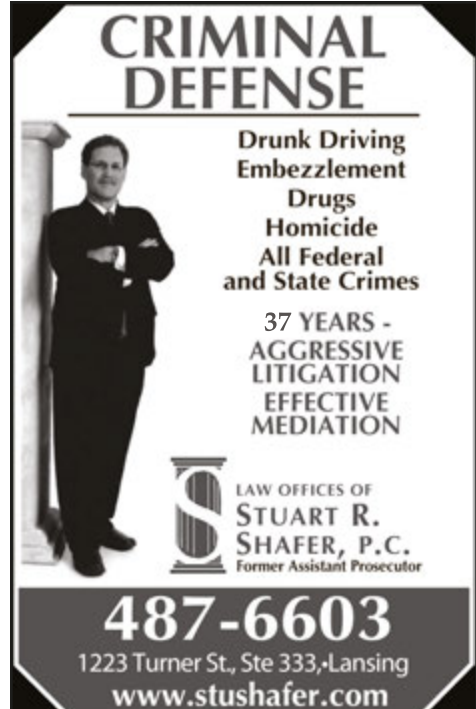
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American Sewing Guild Meeting. ASG Lansing Clippers Monthly Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. FREE. UAW Local 652, 426 Clare St., Lansing. (517) 703-9393. lansingclippers.com.

2020 Girls Camp. For 9-13 year olds. Scholarships are available. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25 for Lansing students. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4392. iteclansing.org.

Documentary Monday. Featuring "Searching For Sugarman." 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

EVENTS

Monday Morning Movie. Popcorn and a movie. Call for title. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014, ext. 4, dtld.org.

Social Bridge. No partner needed. 1-4 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

Mac's Monday Comedy Night. Hosted by Mark Roebuck and Dan Currie. 9:30 p.m. FREE. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795. macsbar.com.

Club Shakespeare. 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 348-5728, cadl.org.

Leonardo's Rockin' & Reading. All ages. High energy, musical sing-along. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtld.org.

Saints, Sinners & Cynics. Lively conversation, variety 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

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

Tuesday, July 15

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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.

Timber Tots Nature Camp. 3 & 4 y/o kids enjoy nature activities at camp. 9-10 a.m. \$30. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

My Cub & I: Nature Camp. Toddlers experience nature & outdoor fun at camp. 11 a.m.-noon. \$30. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Bug Buddies Nature Camp. Preschoolers discover bugs & explore outdoors. 9 a.m.-noon, \$65. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Wet and Wild Nature Camp. Kids meet reptiles and more at this nature camp. 9 a.m.-noon. \$65. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Reptiles and Amphibians Camp. Kids meet reptiles and more at this nature camp. 9 a.m.-noon, \$65. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

Summer Tutoring. Tutoring for grades K-6 on Tuesdays in July. 10:30 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

EVENTS

DTDL Crafters. Work on your handcraft project. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4,

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GRACE BOUTIQUE/CURVACEOUS LINGERIE/GOOD TRUCKIN' FOOD

Simone Carter/City Pulse

Summer Schriener (left) and Lauren Long hold a grand opening for their businesses Friday.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

After five months of work, Summer Schriener's renovation of Young's Landing, the building across the street to the north from the neighborhood's landmark Temple Club building, is finally complete. Schriener is the owner/operator of **Grace Boutique of Old Town**, which moved into the space this week.

Grace Boutique is a women's clothing, handbag, shoe and accessory shop specializing in classic styles.

The Young's Landing building underwent an internal transformation that involved the removal of a load-bearing wall, as well as the creation of a new storefront for Grace and the new business moving next door, **Curvaceous Lingerie**.

Owner/operator Lauren Long opened Curvaceous as a 250-square-foot space inside **The Wedding Bell** in Okemos. The move will allow her business to expand to 900 square feet and increase her lingerie and shapewear merchandise lines. Both businesses will have a

grand opening at 5 p.m. Friday with refreshments

Coming to court

The Lansing food court continues to grow with the addition of **Good Truckin' Food**, which moves into the parking lot on the corner of Saginaw and Cedar. It joins **Detroit Frankie's Wood-Fired Pizza** on the busy corner. Owner Nick Sinicropi's menu has sliders tacos, and walking taco salad. Early standouts include the Gotham Burger, the Making Me Crazy Bacon Sammich and the Carolina Pig Sandwich. And get ready to start seeing the new must-have dessert around town: Deep-fried Oreos. (You can practically hear your arteries harden just saying it.) And if driving up and grabbing a quick bite still isn't fast enough for you, you can call in your order to have it ready for pick up.

Saying goodbye

"Thanks to everybody for 7.5 years of business," was written on the Facebook wall of **Downtown Subs & Salads/ New York Burrito**. "Sorry it was so sudden. It was time for us to move on to something new. We are building a organic

green house in north Lansing called **Eden Industries**, so keep an eye open for us. Love and Peace."

And **Love Betti**, the antique and vintage shop in Old Town at 100 E. Grand River Ave., also announced it will soon close. Owner Kristin Olson is having a massive sale, with some items as much as 40 percent off. The 1,200-square-foot antique/art shop opened in 2011.

Grace Boutique of Old Town 509 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday (517) 927-8628, oldtowngrace.com

Curvaceous Lingerie 513 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday (517) 881-8466, curvaceouslingerie.com

Good Truckin' Food 500 E. Oakland Ave., Lansing 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday (517) 489-8163, facebook.com/goodtruckinfood



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Jug & Mug Ski Club Meeting. Activity group for single adults. Must be over 21. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Tripper's Sports Bar, 350 Frandor Ave., Lansing. (517) 342-9955, jugandmug.org.

Stories in the Garden. Stories read at the MSU 4-H Children's Garden. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. MSU 4-H Children's Garden, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org/stories-garden.

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The Blue Lights. Live blues, country and rock & roll. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-4464. stobersbar.com.

Wednesday, July 16

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.

A Community Conversation. Herpetologist discuss turtles, snakes, and frogs. 7 p.m. FREE. Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021.

Tween Color Chaos. Ages 9-12. Explore color with cool experiments. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.

DIY: Make your own Pasta. Join us and learn how to make your own pasta. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton Road. Lansing. (517) 323-3316, bwcc.net/ministries.php.

Cops Against Drug Prohibition. Discussion. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. PilgrimUCC.com.

Intermediate Microsoft Word. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. (517) 708-4394. iteclansing.org.

MiCafe Counseling. Consultation for financial assistance for ages 60 and up. 9:30 a.m.-Noon, FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road,

Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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.

DTDL Book Club. Discuss "The Reason I Jump" by Naoki Higashida. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.

Liederkranz Rummage Sale. Wide selection of items and baked goods sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Lansing Liederkranz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 882-6330. LiederkranzClub.org.

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

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.

Optical Illusion Craft. Create flip books and optical spinners. Ages 4 plus. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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Concerts in the Park. Featuring the blues band Big Willy. 7 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale, Lansing. lansingmi.gov/attractions.

Music in the Park. Featuring Twilight Memories. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 349-8548. meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Veronica Roth Book Talk. Authors Veronica Roth(Divergent)/Phoebe North. 7 p.m. Schuler Books & Music (Lansing), 2820 Towne Centre Blvd., Lansing. (517) 316-7495, schulerbooks.com.

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsny

July 9-15

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What are the sources that heal and nourish you? Where do you go to renew yourself? Who are the people and animals that treat you the best and are most likely to boost your energy? I suggest that in the coming week you give special attention to these founts of love and beauty. Treat them with the respect and reverence they deserve. Express your gratitude and bestow blessings on them. It's the perfect time for you to summon an outpouring of generosity as you feed what feeds you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Why do birds fly? First, that's how they look for and procure food. Second, when seasons change and the weather grows cooler, they may migrate to warmer areas where there's more to eat. Third, zipping around in mid-air is how birds locate the materials they need to build nests. Fourth, it's quite helpful in avoiding predators. But ornithologists believe there is yet another reason: Birds fly because it's fun. In fact, up to 30 percent of the time, that's their main motivation. In accordance with the astrological omens, Taurus, I invite you to match the birds' standard in the coming weeks. See if you can play and enjoy yourself and have a good time at least 30 percent of the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Is there an important resource you don't have in sufficient abundance? Are you suffering from the lack of an essential fuel or tool? I'm not talking about a luxury it would be pleasant to have or a status symbol that would titillate your ego. Rather, I'm referring to an indispensable asset you need to create the next chapter of your life story. Identify what this crucial treasure is, Gemini. Make or obtain an image of it, and put that image on a shrine in your sanctuary. Pray for it. Vividly visualize it for a few minutes several times a day. Sing little songs about it. The time has arrived for to become much more serious and frisky about getting that valuable thing in your possession.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Since 1981, Chinese law has stipulated that every healthy person between the ages of 11 and 60 should plant three to five trees per year. This would be a favorable week for Chinese Cancerians to carry out that duty. For that matter, now is an excellent time for all of you Cancerians, regardless of where you live, to plant trees, sow seeds, launch projects, or do anything that animates your fertility and creativity. You now have more power than you can imagine to initiate long-term growth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The weeks preceding your birthday are often an excellent time to engage the services of an exorcist. But there's no need to hire a pricey priest with dubious credentials. I can offer you my expert demon-banishing skills free of charge. Let's begin. I call on the spirits of the smart heroes you love best to be here with us right now. With the help of their inspirational power, I hereby dissolve any curse or spell that was ever placed on you, even if it was done inadvertently, and even if it was cast by yourself. Furthermore, the holy laughter I unleash as I carry out this purification serves to expunge any useless feelings, delusional desires, bad ideas, or irrelevant dreams you may have grown attached to. Make it so! Amen and hallelujah!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You know what it's like to get your mind blown. And I'm sure that on more than one occasion you have had your heart stolen. But I am curious, Virgo, about whether you have ever had your mind stolen or your heart blown. And I also wonder if two rare events like that have ever happened around the same time. I'm predicting a comparable milestone sometime in the next three weeks. Have no fear! The changes these epiphanies set in motion will ultimately bring you blessings. Odd and unexpected blessings, probably, but blessings nonetheless. P.S.: I'm sure you are familiar with the tingling sensation that wells up in your elbow when you hit your funny bone. Well, imagine a phenomena like that rippling through your soul.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Since 2008, Marvel

Studios has produced nine movies based on characters from Marvel Comics. They're doing well. *The Avengers* earned \$1.5 billion, making it the third-highest-grossing film of all time. *Iron Man 3* brought in over a billion dollars, too, and *Thor: The Dark World* grossed \$644 million. Now Marvel executives are on schedule to release two movies every year through 2028. I'd love to see you be inspired by their example, Libra. Sound fun? To get started, dream and scheme about what you want to be doing in both the near future and the far future. Then formulate a flexible, invigorating master plan for the next 14 years.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): While in Chicago to do a series of shows, comedian Groucho Marx was invited to participate in a séance. He decided to attend even though he was skeptical of the proceedings. Incense was burning. The lights were dim. The trance medium worked herself into a supernatural state until finally she announced, "I am in touch with the Other Side. Does anyone have a question?" Groucho wasn't shy. "What is the capital of North Dakota?" he asked. As amusing as his irreverence might be, I want to use it as an example of how you should NOT proceed in the coming week. If you get a chance to converse with higher powers or mysterious forces, I hope you seek information you would truly like to know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In one of her poems, Adrienne Rich addresses her lover: "That conversation we were always on the edge / of having, runs on in my head." Is there a similar phenomenon in your own life, Sagittarius? Have you been longing to thoroughly discuss certain important issues with a loved one or ally, but haven't found a way to do so? If so, a breakthrough is potentially imminent. All of life will be conspiring for you to speak and hear the words that have not yet been spoken and heard but very much need to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This would be a fun time for you to brainstorm about everything you have never been and will never be. I encourage you to fantasize freely about the goals you don't want to accomplish and the qualities you will not cultivate and the kind of people you will never seek out as allies. I believe this exercise will have a healthy effect on your future development. It will discipline your willpower and hone your motivation as it eliminates extraneous desires. It will imprint your deep self with a passionate clarification of pursuits that are wastes of your precious energy and valuable time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect nothing even as you ask for everything. Rebel against tradition with witty compassion, not cynical rage. Is there a personal taboo that no longer needs to remain taboo? Break it with tender glee. Do something playful, even prankish, in a building that has felt oppressive to you. Everywhere you go, carry gifts with you just in case you encounter beautiful souls who aren't lost in their own fantasies. You know that old niche you got stuck in as a way to preserve the peace? Escape it. At least for now, live without experts and without leaders -- with no teachers other than what life brings you moment by moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Every year, the U.S. government spends \$25,455 per capita on programs for senior citizens. Meanwhile, it allocates \$3,822 for programs to help children. That's only 15 percent as much as what the elders receive. In the coming weeks, Pisces, I believe your priorities should be reversed. Give the majority of your energy and time and money to the young and innocent parts of your life. Devote less attention to the older and more mature aspects. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you need to care intently for what's growing most vigorously.



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Cancun Mexican Grill home of you-gotta-try it cuisine

What would Indiana Jones order?

By **MARK NIXON**

Any restaurant worth its salt aspires to create a signature dish that casts a spell over patrons, compelling them to go forth and spread the gospel of You Gotta Try This.

Enter the Molcajete at Cancun Mexican Grill in Grand Ledge. This dish is a showstopper, like a tiny volcano hitching a ride atop a primitive stone tripod. Even if the menu description fails to wow you, someone at your table should order the Molcajete. Just so everyone can watch it.

I mean literally watch it. It roils, it boils, it plucks the Ace of Hearts out of thin air. OK, not that last part. Let's just say when my wife's Molcajete landed on the table, the four of us stopped, stared and gasped with delight. The dish was not merely steaming: The broth was boiling. Incredibly, it was still bubbling 15 minutes later.

We have a molcajete (mole-kah-hay-tay) in our kitchen. It's basically a mortar and pestle carved out of basalt. Molcajetes have been standard operating equipment in Mexican homes long before Christopher Columbus didn't discover the New World.

At Cancun, a molcajete becomes a superheated vessel for serving food. After my giggling and gasping subsided, I reckoned the Molcajete was all show and no go. Wrong. Heaped in this cauldron was a mix of steak, chicken, shrimp, jalapenos, green peppers, molten cheese and finely ground chorizo. Phew. I'm winded just reading that aloud. Once this cooled to an edible temperature, we tasted a perfect blend of meat and spice. This all came with sides of rice, refried beans, tortillas, guacamole and sour cream. Phew again.

At \$14.99, the Molcajete was the second most expensive dinner on the menu. For my money, the show itself is a bargain. Note that there are four other Cancun Mexican Grills in mid-Michigan, but their online menus don't include the Molcajete. The Grand Ledge site may have the corner on that market.

On separate visits, we tried the Cancun Mexican Grill in Delta Township and the one in Grand Ledge. Several things we ordered in both restaurants were predictable and pedestrian. The chicken enchilada (\$9.59) Camarones Tapa-tois (grilled shrimp and bacon topped

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Full of color, bursting with flavor

By **GABRIELLE JOHNSON**

There are few things I like better than a slightly crisped, lightly greasy corn tortilla wrapped around a fragrant, flavorful protein (al pastor, or marinated pork, is my favorite), a pinch of queso fresco (soft, white, crumbly Mexican cheese) and packing a little heat — preferably from a chunky, fresh salsa. Although I try to keep this affinity in check, both for my overall health and to avoid what I call “taco hand” (going back to the office with your hands smelling like the tacos you just devoured), I regularly get my fix at the El Oasis taco truck on Michigan Avenue. I was happy to branch out to Cancun Mexican Grill to explore more of Lansing's Mexican food.

For our first lunch, the boyfriend and I chose the Cancun on Jolly Road. As I waited for him, I started chomping on the warm chips and bowl of salsa that was placed on my table. The chips were fresh, crisp and salty. The salsa was a tad thin for my taste, but that didn't stop me from depleting our supply before he even arrived. They were readily replenished, with the quick and attentive service that held true through all three of our visits.

He ordered the full-sized chicken nachos (\$8.25) and was presented with a platter of chips topped with shredded chicken, shredded cheese, a few pieces of chopped green pepper and topped with a generous amount of melted cheese sauce. The plate was monochromatic, and he would have liked more toppings; beans, lettuce, onion, salsa, guacamole, salsa, sour cream — any of these would have been a welcome addition, and were all absent. He liked the portion size, though — it made for a satisfying lunch but

didn't send him into a food coma.

I ordered a chicken quesadilla (\$4.50), a flour tortilla folded in half over shredded chicken, cheese, a few peppers — exactly the same ingredients that topped the nachos. The quesadilla, while fresh and hot, was strangely the only thing on my plate. No shredded lettuce and refried beans. No sprinkle of cilantro. The quesadilla took up half the plate and looked lonely.

For our next visit, we headed to the

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with melted cheese for \$10.75) and the shrimp chimichanga (\$9.25) were all rated average by our guests and myself. The margarita (\$5) was nothing special.

But the guacamole is as good as any I've tasted in Michigan. I prefer my guac to be chunky — the way it is at the Delta Township restaurant — but the chunk-less version in Grand Ledge was quickly scooped up by our party of four. If you're a salsa fan, try it at the Delta Township Cancun. It was generously topped with fresh cilantro, and the spicy heat had the right kick without burning a hole in my uvula.

Also worthy of a shout-out are the Carnitas (\$10.75). These slow-roasted pork tips incorporate the flavors of natural juices, subtle spices and fresh herbs. I have a slow-roast pork shoulder recipe (compliments of Martha Stewart) that is my go-to pork dish.

Cancun's Carnitas top Martha.

Some non-food observations:

— The tables are flamboyantly adorned with paintings that seemed lifted from a storybook Mexican idyl. It's a nice, festive touch.

— While Cancun in Delta Township clings to a strip mall on Saginaw Highway, the one in Grand Ledge is situated at the four corners of the town's historic and lively downtown. The latter establishment just feels more like a place worth hanging out in.

— Unless you know beforehand what you're ordering, plan to spend some quality time with the menu. It runs on and on like a Stephen King novel.

I love being surprised in restaurants (unless it's a stray hair in my pasta), and so I left surprised and happy when we left the Cancun Mexican Grill in Grand Ledge. Where else in this area can you order a dish that looks like a prop from an Indiana Jones movie? No place that I've found.



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The Molcajete at Cancun Mexican Grill doubles as dinner and tabletop spectacle.

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original Cancun location on Central Park Place in Okemos. Same neon interior, same quick, attentive service. This time I ordered the Taquitos Mexicanos lunch special (\$5.99), although I wasn't exactly sure what I was ordering. This was the plate I was expecting on my first visit. Refried beans, rice, chunky salsa, shredded lettuce, sour cream, guacamole and the main event: Corn tortillas, one filled with chicken and one with sliced steak, grilled until crispy. These taquitos — nay, this entire plate of food — was fantastic. It was fresh and colorful, and the price was right.

The boyfriend had chicken fajitas (\$7.79). I cringed every time his hand came close to the sizzling hot handle of his plate. I think the sound of sizzling fajitas is immediately recognizable by just about everyone, whether you've had them once or a hundred times. (Also, if you've had fajitas a hundred times, please eat a salad.) His summary of his lunch was succinct: "Normal, not bullshit fajitas." He got three flour tortillas, but he could have used a fourth.

We went back to the same location for one more lunch and this time noticed the restaurant's small patio. I ordered the quesadilla lunch special (\$6.25) and chose chicken over beef. This time my quesadilla was accompanied with shredded lettuce, refried beans, a slice of tomato,

sour cream and guacamole. It was exactly the same as the last one — not particularly remarkable — but the addition of the beans and company worked wonders to make me feel more satisfied with my lunch. The boyfriend repeated the chicken nachos; again, no additional ingredients

or garnishes were on his plate as they were on mine.

Service at Cancun is seriously quick, a boon for people on their lunch hour and presumably for the moms who were taking their kids out for end-of-the-school-year lunches.

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