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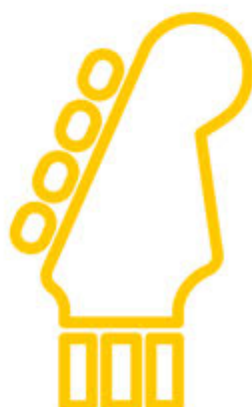
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Feedback

Introducing foreign food

How would you introduce foreign guests to other Americans? Or how would start a conversation with someone from a very different culture? In the best tradition of respect and openness, you would display some genuine interest in their culture and traditions. And central to any culture, as we all know, is the cuisine that a particular society produces and consumes.

Therefore, as an Indian-American, when I read the paired food reviews (he ate/she ate) of the Indian restaurant, Persis Indian Grill, I was bemused by Gabrielle's Johnson's somewhat ignorant, though well-meaning, write-up and aghast by Mark Nixon's anti-spice rant! Johnson acknowledges that her "Michigan-bred taste buds" do enable her "to like a little bit of spice," but Nixon obviously has no discernment or taste for varying spices, which he reveals when declares the Persis Grill "as all spice all the time"! I have eaten at the Persis Grill and was very impressed by their varied menu, with some dishes fairly mild.

Their menu also includes both north and south Indian dishes, which are distinct and differently spiced. So if Nixon is averse to spices, having him to do a review of an Indian restaurant would be like sending a vegetarian to eat at steak house!

Indian food is popular with many Americans who are widening their cuisine horizons, so I am sure other clients of the Persis Grill would also disagree with them! More importantly, both reviewers would have benefited by studying a history of Indian cuisine before they went to eat there. Johnson displayed a genuine food curiosity and obviously enjoyed her repeat visit, but a knowledge of all the Indian words for the food items may have helped her to appear even more "cosmopolitan" than she fancied herself to be...

As for Nixon, he should stick to the City's many choices in restaurants that serve Sandwich meals, Steaks, hot dogs, and other solid, but bland, American fare. Indian food brings to life the term, the "spice of life;" but maybe that is too much for him!

The CITY PULSE is the paper "for the rest of us;" so I hope to read restaurant reviews that share in the tastes of spice-lovers!

—Jyotsna Singh
East Lansing

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

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- Fax: (517) 371-5800

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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.)

Taxpayers shouldn't pay for sidewalk

In the DeWitt-Bath Review May 11, 2014, Rod Taylor announced the plan to build a much needed sidewalk on Old US 27. I agree with Mr. Taylor. A sidewalk is needed for residents that travel by foot on Old 27. However, ONE BIG PROBLEM is that, we the tax payers in DeWitt Charter Township will pay \$402,311 plus interest to upgrade commercial property. In addition the township maintains the sidewalk in the winter. Does the township clear your sidewalk of snow? While commercial property owners will pay only \$44,701. Ask yourself why should the residents of DeWitt Charter Township be burdened with the cost to build and maintain it (snow removal) on commercial property?

Property taxes have increased for our home owners. Our elected officials have received raises. Rod Taylor recently receive 11 percent fringe benefits increase. Are we the tax payers of Dewitt Charter Township too apathetic with our elected Officials to sit back and say everything is great? I urge you to attend the May 27th meeting at 7pm in the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, M 48820. If you have question please phone and ask at 517-668-0270.

— Andon B. Pogoncheff
Dewitt

American Apparel ad offends

Having just finished my Sunday morning coffee while enjoying reading the latest City Pulse issue, I turn the last page, coming face to face with a full page ad for jeans showing a teen age - looking girl, naked from the waist up. My reaction is quite visceral - we live in a day and age where human trafficking/the sex slave trade is alive and well, with minor girls making up a large component of this thriving enterprise (and yes, human trafficking and the sex slave trade exists here in Michigan). I think to myself, we'll never make a dent in human trafficking if mainstream culture perpetuates using the sexuality of young women to sell consumer goods. And then I think ok, maybe I'm over reacting a bit.

To confirm my gut feeling, I show the ad to my teenage daughter, asking her for the first thoughts to pop through her mind. She says "young", "why?" and "mermaid". My thoughts exactly (except for the mermaid part). Why indeed is a teenaged looking girl selling jeans without a shirt on? And why is the City Pulse participating in this ad campaign? (I do recall writing a similar letter to the editor a few years back on this same topic). The City Pulse prides itself in being "a newspaper for the rest us". I always thought that meant not kowtowing to the conventionality of mainstream media and standing up for the dignity of every one. If the City Pulse thinks those doggone full page American Apparel ads are representative of the "rest of us", I say, they're out of touch.

—Kathy Hollister
East Lansing

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WINNING IN THE LONG RUN by CRAIG HORKY



THIS WEEK

- Dr. Peter Gulick, director of Ingham Co.'s HIV Clinic
- Lansing Schools Supt. Yvonne Camaal Canul



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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

WHEN GUNS ARE EVERYWHERE ONLY PEOPLE WITH GUNS WILL HAVE GUNS

HELLO THERE! I SEE YOU'RE CARRYING A FIREARM--AS AM I!
IT IS OUR RIGHT AS CITIZENS OF A STATE WITH UNRESTRICTED OPEN-CARRY LAWS!
SOME MIGHT EVEN SAY, OUR DUTY!

BUT--HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER SUCH AS MYSELF--AND NOT A DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE HEADING FOR A FORMER WORKPLACE?
I COULD EASILY ASK THE SAME OF YOU!

FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU COULD BE A DERANGED SOCIOPATH ON YOUR WAY TO THE NEAREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR MOVIE THEATRE!
SUCH UNCERTAINTY MAY JUST BE THE PRICE WE PAY--FOR FREEDOM!
PERHAPS YOU ARE CORRECT.

BAM!
BAM!

STILL, BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.
EXCUSE ME--ARE YOU A GOOD GUY WITH A GUN--OR A BAD GUY WITH A GUN?
WHO WANTS TO KNOW?

TOM TOMORROW 2014

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NEWS & OPINION

The new little blue sex pill

In broad new guidelines, federal health authorities say nearly every person at risk for HIV-infection should consider using once-a-day pill to prevent getting the virus

Greg is a sexually active 24-year-old man in Lansing. HIV and other sexually transmitted infections are definitely on his radar, he says, despite saying he “always” uses a condom with casual partners.

The thin gay man admits, however, he occasionally drinks too much and “gets stupid.”

“I’m afraid of catching something. I’ve had people who were not truthful with me about their HIV status,” he says.

So for him, the idea that there might be a pill that could prevent him from getting infected with HIV in the event a condom breaks gets his attention

There is such a pill-a-day intervention. It’s a little blue pill. No, not Viagra, it’s Truvada. Last week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control released broad new clinical recommendations to expand use of the intervention for virtually any American at risk of infection. Faced with a steady 50,000 cases of new HIV infections a year, it’s clear that depending mostly on condoms to prevent it isn’t working.

Truvada combines two anti-HIV drugs. In 2012 after a study revealed that taking the drug daily could prevent an HIV-negative person from getting infected with the virus that causes AIDS, federal officials approved it as a prevention option, known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP for short.

Taken daily, it has been found effective 90 percent of the time. Take less than daily, it drops to 44 percent.

The pill only works against HIV. As a result, condom use is recommended in conjunction with the drug in order to prevent infection with gonorrhea, syphilis and other sexually transmitted infections.

Some opponents of the intervention claim the new intervention will lead to gay men, in particular, to throw caution and condoms to the wind. That, opponents claim, will result in Truvada-

resistant HIV strains increasing in circulation and more incidents of STIs, which facilitate HIV transmission.

Studies, however, do not show an increase in syphilis incidents (the major STI used to track risk behavior in U.S. studies) nor an increase in condomless sex. Factually speaking, the estimated 90 percent efficacy of PrEP beats the efficacy of preventing seven in 10 infections that has been attributed to condoms by CDC researcher Dawn Smith.

Despite the promising science behind the intervention, uptake has been slow. Gilead, the company that makes Truvada, reported in the fall of 2013 that fewer than 3,000 prescriptions for



the once-a-day prevention option had been written. Half of those prescriptions were written for women.

So why hasn’t the pill being readily adopted? Some experts say it is a lack of knowledge about the intervention. Indeed, I spent Saturday night at two local gay bars talking to visitors about PrEP. Very few even knew such a prevention option existed. And those who did generally did not have enough information to feel confident in talking on the record about it.

This was only days after the CDC issued broad new clinical guidance on the use of the drug for prevention, which made front-page news in The New York Times.

The CDC announcement had an immediate effect here on Michigan policy.

Officials at the Michigan Department of Community Health had called the science behind PrEP “promising” but had refused to endorse the intervention. On Thursday, a day after the CDC guidance was released, MDCH officials abruptly reversed course.

“PrEP is an important tool in the prevention of HIV, and the CDC guidance in support of PrEP is a major step forward. MDCH will follow the CDC guidance on PrEP and the prevention and treatment of HIV,” wrote MDCH spokeswoman Angela Minicuci in an email. “As we are still reviewing the recommendation, we will be determining how this information will be distributed.”

Jake Distel runs the Lansing Area AIDS Network. He said getting everyone on the same page about PrEP is going to be essential.

“LAAN case managers report, for example, that the agency has been advised that there are no protocols or guidances in place under which to comfortably prescribe, and provide access, to PrEP,” Distel said in an email. “This is unfortunate. We are all keenly aware of discordant couples [one person who is HIV-positive and one person who is HIV-negative] and others at continuing risk of HIV infection who would benefit from PrEP. I would hope that this new guidance from the CDC would provide the protocol and guidance needed to alter past decisions and processes.”

And despite the lack of comprehensive protocols or guidances, Ingham county residents do have access to the intervention. Dr. Peter Gulick, an infectious disease expert who runs the county’s HIV clinic, has been writing PrEP prescriptions for months.

Ingham is a particularly key location to focus resources. For years, the county has been the highest HIV prevalence rate outside Detroit — a trend that continues. Recent statistics show that one in five identified cases of HIV in Ingham County are found in people ages 13 to 24, mirroring national trends.

Of course, getting a prescription is only one barrier in PrEP access. The drug averages \$12,000 or more a year. Most insurance plans and Medicaid cover PrEP. Gilead also has a co-pay assistance program as well as a patient assistance program for those without insurance.

For Greg, the intervention is likely to catch on. He became aware of it because of a Facebook group that includes many younger gay men from New York City. There, he said “everyone is on it.”

“It’s a trend,” he says. “It’s going to catch on here. Hopefully.”

— Todd Heywood



Property: 637 East Michigan Ave., Lansing (Clara’s Lansing Station)

Owner: Clara’s Inc.

Assessed value: \$249,200

While those familiar with Lansing will have little difficulty identifying this small but notable building, strangers will find that its deep setbacks make it difficult to locate, particularly along busy Michigan Avenue. Built in 1902 as the Union Station, it served the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette railroads. The building is the work of the architecture firm of Spier and Rohns, who enjoyed an apparent monopoly on Lansing’s turn of the century depots, as they also designed the Grand Trunk Western Depot, now in R.E.O. Town.

Like its sister building, the Union Station depot’s simple brackets and decorative rafter tails carry its wide overhangs, conveniently discharging rain and snow far from the face of the building while providing a dry outdoor area for waiting passengers. It is solidly constructed with thin Roman brick and a splayed stone foundation. Although the pointed Tudor arches on the former porch are somewhat awkwardly filled-in, they provide both urban scale and small detail at the building’s entry. Striking conical roofs top the engaged towers of the west wing, where translucent glass panels complement the quarter sawn oak interior.

Although passenger service ended in 1972, the building was given new life later in the decade following the transformation into its current use as a restaurant.

— Dan Bollman

“Eye candy of the Week” is our weekly look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing. It rotates each with Eyesore of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Becky McKendry at 999-5064.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Sprinx, LLC for Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval for the property at 248 West Grand River to construct a three-story addition to the existing Showroom Shine building, containing 9, one-bedroom apartments. The property is zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.

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

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

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#14_134

City of Lansing Notice of Public Hearing

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on June 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, MI, for the purpose stated below:

To afford an opportunity for all residents, taxpayers of the City of Lansing, other interested persons and ad valorem taxing units to appear and be heard on the approval of Brownfield Plan #55a - Amendment #1 - Ballpark North Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended, for property commonly referred to as Cooley Law School Stadium located in the City of Lansing, but more particularly described as:

33-01-01-16-276-002, N 90.75 FT LOTS 8 & 9 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-021, S 1/2 OF N 1/2 OF S 3/5 LOTS 8 & 9 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-031, N 41.25 FT LOT 7, S 49.5 FT LOTS 8 & 9, LOT 10 & W 46.75 FT LOT 11 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-041, S 1/2 LOT 7 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-191, COM 19.25 FT W OF NW COR LOT 12, TH S 165 FT, E 2.75 FT, N 4 R, E 57.25 FT, N 6 R, W 60 FT TO BEG; SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-151, LOT 14 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-161, S 2/5 OF E 1 R LOT 11 & S 2/5 LOTS 12 & 13 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-182, N 99 FT LOT 13 & E 25.25 FT OF N 99 FT LOT 12 SUB OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 OF BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-050, THAT PART OF: COM SE COR BLK 244, TH N 419.04 FT, E 9.87 FT, N 260 FT, W 9.23 FT, N 300.09 FT, W 428.69 FT, S 256.94 FT, W 13.32 FT, S 302 FT, E 12.64 FT, S 417.94 FT, E 428.47 FT TO BEG, WHICH LIES OUTSIDE THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE OLDSMOBILE PARK BASEBALL STADIUM, INCLUDING SO-CALLED LOBBY AREA; BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT,

33-01-01-16-276-072, THAT PART OF: COM SE COR BLK 244, TH N 419.04 FT, E 9.87 FT, N 260 FT, W 9.23 FT, N 300.09 FT, W 428.69 FT, S 256.94 FT, W 13.32 FT, S 302 FT, E 12.64 FT, S 417.94 FT, E 428.47 FT TO BEG; WHICH LIES INSIDE THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE OLDSMOBILE PARK BASEBALL STADIUM; BLOCK 244 ORIG PLAT.

Approval of this Brownfield Plan will enable the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to capture incremental tax increases which result from the redevelopment of the property to pay for costs associated therewith. Further information regarding this issue, including maps, plats, and a description of the brownfield plan will be available for public inspection and may be obtained from Karl Dorshimer - Director of Economic Development, Lansing Economic Area Partnership, 1000 South Washington Avenue, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48910, (517) 702-3390.

Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2014, at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk

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Keep public notices

There was a legislative hearing last week to change how public bodies tell us about proposed tax increases, zoning changes in our neighborhoods, new water rates and hundreds of other government actions that fall under the category of public notices.

It's important. Stay with me on this. Think of a public notice as insurance; you don't need it until you need it. That is until the town approves an apart-



MICKY HIRTEN

ment complex on your street of single homes or wants to widen a road by cutting down hundred-year-old trees. These are the call-to-action items.

The forum for these public notifications generally is newspapers.

Some legislators want to move public notices to government websites. They talk about the decline in print and the cost of publishing notices. Some even believe that a move away from newspapers will encourage more readership of these notices, that people will regularly search out public notices on the Vevay or Wheatfield Township websites. Seriously!

There may be merit in these arguments, but the bill (H.B. 5560) sponsored by Rep. Amanda Price, R-Park Twp., is an oddly drafted document lacking any details of the public notifications it wants to change. The bill divides public notices into three tiers — A, B and C — which are defined in 117 other bills related to public notices requirements. As a result, the hub bill, as it's called, doesn't convey the real thrust of the proposal, which usurps the traditional role of private businesses — that is, newspapers — and imposes new requirements on state and local governments, commissions, authorities and districts.

Price, who chairs the House Committee on Local Government, said that she started the public notice campaign with all 250 Michigan notification bills, some so antiquated that they literally required notices be posted in a community. These were consolidated into 117 bills, all of which will need approval in the House and Senate and signatures by Gov. Rick Snyder. Price explained that the tiers are graded. A-level notices cover assessments, taxes and elected officials, things that are really important to people and would be published in print for the longest. C-level requirements that are largely procedural and would go more quickly to government run websites.

Full disclosure: Public notice advertising is an important source of revenue for City Pulse and other newspapers in

Michigan. Secondly, I am president of the Michigan Press Association, which is lobbying against H.B. 5560. Clearly, I'm not impartial.

For some balance, I spoke with Rep. Andy Schor, D- Lansing, a co-sponsor of Price's bill, and Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing (and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House). He's against it, believing that it hurts the elderly and the poor.

"With older folks, a lot of them don't have Internet access, and I don't think the solution is to go to the public library," Schertzing said. "With struggling homeowners, a lot of people can't even keep the same cell phone number. I don't know how the web is the answer for notices for that group of people."

His view on the elderly is confirmed by the Pew Internet Research Project, which found 41 percent of seniors do not use the Internet at all, 53 percent have no broadband access at home, and 23 percent do not use cell phones. As for the poor, in Lansing, 27 percent of residents live below the poverty line.

As county treasurer and chairman of the Ingham County Land Bank, Schertzing's offices originate a lot of public notices. He said the response from newspapers, TV and letters is much stronger than for emails and social media.

The Price bill phases out print public notices over a 10-year period, an approach that encouraged Schor to support the measure. "You have local government getting killed in terms of funding and you have costs like newspaper notification that are high costs. On the other side, (newspapers) use the revenue to fund their work and to cut it off really isn't a good idea," he said.

Schor, who represents the city of Lansing and Lansing Township, said he didn't know how much either community spends on public notices or how much online traffic they log. But he believes the march to digital is inexorable.

Newspapers are right to oppose these changes and not just because it threatens revenues. They have moved into the digital age — by combining print and online audiences, they often reach 80 percent of their communities. The chances of people reading public notices is far greater on a news site than a government site.

There some pure digital issues: The rapid move to smart phones and away from desktops will make reading public notices, which are dense and legalistic, painfully difficult. And there are studies that suggest lower reading comprehension for digital displays compared with print.

Certainly, publishing public notices is an expense. But so is government. Schertzing has it right when he says that "democracy is not about efficiency. It requires public participation. To focus on public notices as a cost measure is not good."

Tech programs survive, barely

Vocational programs survive the Lansing School District's budget cuts for the new fiscal year, but they aren't safe for the long run

After narrowly escaping being cut in the coming fiscal year's budget, the long-term fate of vocational programs in the Lansing School District is still unclear.

The Career and Technical Education — CTE — programs, which train students in a variety of trade skills, have been shrinking since the 1990s. Fifteen years ago, the Lansing School District offered about 20 programs. That number has been whittled down to three.

Peter Spadafore, president of the Lansing School Board, said that more stringent academic requirements and lingering budget issues have made it increasingly more difficult for kids to enroll in vocational programs.

The CTE programs were originally on the table to help the district close a \$6 million deficit for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. Among other things, the district cut almost 100 positions and privatized the district's busing system. The district is now about \$800,000 shy of a balanced budget, which the administration needs to pass before the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1.

"It can be disheartening," Spadafore said. "I don't think any one of my colleagues ran for the board to cut things, but we're just trying to impact the student as little as possible."

For now, that means leaving the CTE programs alone. But the programs aren't safe yet. Spadafore said that the administration will have to consider reconfiguring or cutting programs as a long-term solution for next year.

The value of vocation

The three CTE programs still standing in the Lansing School District are graphic arts and print technology; culinary arts

and personal services and health science. Depending on the program, the classes can count for high school or college credits or employment certification.

"It's not for everyone, but our kids walk away with something," said Worsie Gregory, director of secondary education and academies for the Lansing School District. Gregory coordinates the district's CTE programs.

"Some of our kids continue their education, like in junior college, but many of them don't go to college. This gives them a set of skills to begin a career right after high school."

Graphic artist William Watson knows how necessary those real-life job skills can be, both as an educator and a working professional. Two years ago, Watson taught basic layout and design courses at Lansing Community College, and he is awaiting an application to teach next semester. None of Watson's former students had come from a high-school vocational program, and he certainly wishes they had. "I was very surprised when I started teaching," he said.

"Some kids didn't know how to use a Mac or how to delete a file."

Watson said that if his students had learned design basics in high school, they could have achieved much more with their individual portfolios — a must in the competitive field of design. He said it would be detrimental to cut the programs and that the district should be expanding them instead.

"If you can expose yourself to a work environment before you start college, you can start right off with those job-based skills," he said. "It's a very competitive job market."

Leaving the district

If CTE programs are cut or reconfigured, Lansing students interested in vocational training can choose to attend career centers outside of their districts. Many students in the Lansing School District already attend programs in the Eaton or Ingham school districts for programs not offered within the district, like construction technology or cosmetology.

Gregory said the cost to bus a child out



Becky McKendry/City Pulse

Lansing culinary arts teacher Denise Dehn shows off her teaching kitchen in the Hill Center. Because of budget issues, Dehn is unsure if her class will be around long-term.

of district is about \$2,450. She said the cost per child in a CTE program is hard to determine because of the fluctuating enrollment numbers and varying costs. In addition to teacher salary, the equipment costs of the program vary from \$6,600 a year for the visual communications program to \$22,000 for the health program.

But Gregory said cost should not be the primary deciding factor in making these decisions.

"The environment can be very overwhelming for our kids," she said. "They tend to struggle with being bused from the urban environment they're comfortable in to a rural area."

Denise Dehn, who teaches the culinary arts and personal services program, said that busing kids out to other districts affects their performance and opportunity.

"When you increase class size, there's not as much one-on-one time and they don't have the best access to scholarships," she said.

Dehn said the 17 students she teaches this semester would be devastated if the program was cut.

"There are so many kids that are floating in high school," she said. "This is an inexpensive way to learn what you want to do and get a leg up."

—Becky McKendry

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Art, dreams and jazz

Michael Stratton brings broader perspective to new series of Broad Museum tours

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Your eyes can get a real workout at the Broad Art Museum — from rolling to the back of your head. I'm not talking about the art, but the people you run into: Self-styled experts who can't shut up, wise-guys who ask where the "real" art is, preening hipsters, outraged moralists, "this-reminds-me-of" reductionists — they all show up sooner or later, usually right next to you.

"Altered: Featuring Michael Stratton"

Thursday, May 22
6:30 p.m. mix and mingle;
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Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum
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FREE (Broad Art Museum members only, limited space)
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But soft! Every now and then, you overhear a person so engaged, smart and interesting you want to tag along — all the way home, if possible. Michael Stratton is such a person.

Thursday, the East Lansing psychotherapist/author/DJ will weave together ideas he's drawn

from his interlinking interests in jazz improvisation, dreams, creativity and healing as he leads an informal tour for Broad members focusing on three artists on display. Needless to say, the host of WLNZ's "Vinyl Side of Midnight" will provide a carefully chosen musical soundtrack.

The tour is a new twist in community outreach at the Broad. Although Stratton minored in art history in college, he's not an expert in art. That's the whole idea of "Altered," an informal series of museum tours that will continue in the coming months, according to Broad's development coordinator Sandra Szymanski. She called Stratton the perfect "guinea pig" to kick off the series.

"He's so versatile, so many things," Szymanski said. "Most importantly, he's already an art lover. It was a no-brainer, a perfect fit for him to be our first."

Szymanski got the idea from a popular program at the Denver Art Museum.

"A lot of people, myself included, don't know much about contemporary art," Szymanski said. "I can see how it can be intimidating to be talked at. Mike's going to talk about art from a jazz perspective. He's an expert on dreams, and that's something I don't need to be afraid of."

Stratton has written a novel, "Everybody Dreams," and given talks at Creativity and Madness conferences in Maui and Santa Fe that drew enthusiastic crowds of over 1,000 people. The talks used Akira Kurasawa's film "Dreams" to unlock historical, spiritual, psychological and personal doors between dream and waking worlds.

At the Broad, he will project his dream work on a larger canvas. If dreams are a way of examining our lives, art does the same for our culture.

"The arts are to the culture what dreams are to the individual," Stratton said. "Artists express the zeitgeist, what's



Courtesy Photo
Psychotherapist/author/jazz DJ Michael Stratton (left, with Broad guest artist Imran Qureshi) is the first guest docent for "Altered," a new guided tour series at the Broad Art Museum.

going on, in a bigger way. The artist says the thing that remains unsaid."

Stratton has been preparing the Broad tour for months, but he plans to throw away the notes and let his talk go in spontaneous directions, as a jazz musician might. He'll also encourage tour participants to riff freely as they react to his insights. If the dialogue goes as he hopes, lights will go on in people's heads, just they do with his patients in therapy.

Early this year, Szymanski and Stratton walked through the Broad together and studied upcoming exhibits. Stratton found three artists who got his juices

mer. Stratton met Qureshi as he put together his exhibit two weeks ago and they discussed the social and political dimensions of his work.

Qureshi's public art, dispersed around the sidewalks and alleys of East Lansing, looks like blood spatters from a distance, but close examination reveals intricate stylized petals and finely painted miniature forms. Talking with Qureshi, Stratton said he was reminded of jazz saxophonist John Coltrane, whose furious, dense music often got him mislabeled as angry.

"When people met (Coltrane), he was this gentle guy (who) would deny being angry at all," Stratton said. "Imran, too — he's putting out these fiery statements, and he's a sweetheart of a guy. There's this transcendent quality growing out of the blood."

Then Stratton plans to "cleanse the palate" by going to the Broad's Education Wing to talk about Shinique Smith's "Arcadian Clusters," a cheerful array of hanging bundles made from a crazy-quilt variety of materials.

"Jazz musicians do something very similar with sound material to create what she's doing visually," he said.

One of Stratton's most important goals for the tour is to tap into art's power to alter consciousness — "being awake, flat-out being aware, opening your senses and letting this wash into you."

Years ago, after watching the Art Ensemble of Chicago, the fabled avant-garde jazz group, Stratton was left with the heady feeling the concert had never really ended.

"Everything I experienced afterward was musical," he said. "Traffic, the sound of the restaurant — it was all musical because of the way they approached the art."

He hopes that after the tour at the Broad, people will have a similar buzz "that everything they see is artistic and makes statements about their world and their relatedness to the world."

"The arts are to the culture what dreams are to the individual.

Artists express the zeitgeist, what's going on."

MICHAEL STRATTON, FIRST GUEST GUIDE FOR NEW BROAD SERIES "ALTERED"

flowing and whose work would be on view at the Broad at the same time.

He'll start the tour with Mithu Sen's staggering "Border Unseen," a pink mass of fleshy, toothy matter made of polymer, dentures and false teeth, housed in a gallery painted pink.

"It's a lot to take in," Stratton said. "It's definitely a spectacle. It's like a landscape of flesh, 80 feet of it. She's placed some of her own little toys in there."

The work's undulating waves of horror, playfulness and sexuality intersect nicely with Stratton's interest in dreams. (Jazz fans will note that Thelonious Monk's "Ugly Beauty" will play during this part of the tour.)

Next, Stratton will take the group into the world of Pakistani artist Imran Qureshi, unquestionably the Broad's international star attraction this spring and sum-

CURTAIN CALL

Four shamed

New theater troupe debuts one-acts dedicated to disgraced Greek figures

By SHAWN PARKER

The debut of the new Ixion Theatre Ensemble features a quartet of one-act plays written by Lansing-area playwrights rooted in Greek mythology. The theme was inspired by engravings by a 16th century Dutch artist Hendrick Goltzius, with each of the titular disgracers suffering a fall, either figurative or literal. The common link is that each one is a mortal who tried to enter the realm of the gods and was punished for doing so.

"The Four Disgracers"

Ixion Theatre Ensemble
AA Creative Corridor
1133 S. Washington Ave.,
Lansing
8 p.m. Thursday, May 22; 4
& 8 p.m. Saturday, May 24
\$15
(517) 775-4246,
ixiontheatre.com

The contemporary re-imaginings are individually compelling, but the whole is ultimately less than the sum its parts.

The first script in "The Four Disgracers" is based on the myth of Phaethon. He was punished for "borrowing" the chariot of his father, the sun god Helios, and losing control of it, nearly destroying the Earth. "Distance to the Son," by O.G. Ueberroth, sets up a birthday meeting between Pate (Joseph Mull) and his oft-delayed father Helios (Rico Bruce Wade), who takes the form of a soldier busy manipulating conflicts around the world. Wade plays Helios aloof, then fatherly. The result feels less like character trait than a tonal inconsistency.

The second piece recounts the myth of Tantalus, who killed his son and tried to serve him as a dish to the gods. "A Tantalizing Menu," by Sarah Hauck, envisions the scenario as a dinner party. The lecherous Zeus ogles, paws at and insults Athena, Demeter and Hera before things take a turn toward the macabre. Kris Vitols plays Tantalus as a trembling, jittery near-cretin, a role he disappears in with impressive results.

The third story updates the tale of Ixion, who killed his father-in-law and slept with one of Zeus' wives. "Empty," by Brad Rutledge, is the weakest entry, which envisions the meeting of Zeus and Ixion as a tense, dinner table meeting between a Mafia boss and his lieutenant. Inconsistent accents, overreliance on dialogue and an attempt at menace that winds up at caricature prevent the piece from gelling. An awkward grasp at relevance in the denouement doesn't help the proceedings.

The final segment takes a different per-

spective on the most well known of the disgracers, Icarus, the boy with the wax wings who flew too close to the sun. "Icarus Flying," by A.S. Freeman, features Paige Dunckel as Icarus' mother, whose moving soliloquy is the highlight and emotional center of the show. Vulnerable, hurt and brave, she recounts her son's doomed flight in heartrending fashion.

Ueberroth's original music, stirringly performed by Marian Wilson, threads between the individual plays and serves as vital connective tissue. "The Four Disgracers" is an engaging examination of hubris with striking moments and bursts of humor, but, like the central characters in this show, its reach just exceeds its grasp.

Love in the (late) afternoon

Unstoppable middle-aged man meets unmovable middle-aged woman in Williamston's 'Old Love'

By TOM HELMA

"Old Love" poses the question: Can two people in their late 50s find new love after the end of long, loveless marriages?

Molly (Ruth Crawford) has just buried a miserable son-of-a-bitch of a husband, when Bud (Thomas Mahard), arrives at the gravesite. He has just been ditched by a sleazy, self-absorbed social climber who left him to care for a son fathered by another man.

Bud is a mensch. He really tries with Molly, pursuing her with breathtaking zeal and gusto. Molly, on the other hand is cranky and crusty, having lived a married life alongside a husband indifferent to her existence.

A dark but funny plot unfolds. Mahard evokes many laughs along the way, as he earnestly expresses an awkward honesty. He is good at comic timing and brings the audience along with him on this late-life existential journey. Crawford's delivery is more deadpan. She gets her laughs for snippy, sardonic, sarcastic rejoinders. Together they wrest their way through the passage of time.

Crawford and Mahard also play the parts of their ex-spouses and of Molly's son and daughter-in-law. These changes in character are done seamlessly with the assistance of minimal costume changes.

"Old Love" addresses, a bit lightheartedly, the latest new demographic phenomena, the aging of baby boomers and the new lives they might live after the end of a loveless marriage.



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Angharad McGauhey (left) and Cassie Little in "A Tantalizing Menu," one of the segments in "The Four Disgracers," an original show by new Lansing theater company Ixion Ensemble.

Communication breakdown

Peppermint Creek follows racial issues through time in 'Clybourne Park'

By PAUL WOZNIAC

Miscommunication is often the catalyst for dramatic action in storytelling, but in "Clybourne Park," it's the central thesis.

"Clybourne Park"

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
8 p.m. Thursday–
Saturday, May 22–24
\$15/\$10 students & seniors
6025 Curry Lane, Lansing
(517) 372-0945,
peppermintcreek.org

Using the backdrop of changing demographics in a real Chicago neighborhood from 1959 to 2009, Bruce Norris' Pulitzer Prize-winning script explores intercultural communication at its most broken and dysfunctional. Despite its dark themes and serious core, "Clybourne Park" is scathingly funny. As director Blake Bowen and the stellar cast of the current production at Peppermint Creek prove, humor may be the first step toward positive change.

"Clybourne Park" follows the impending sale of a single Chicago home from a white family to a black family in Act I (1959) and from a black family to a white family in Act II (2009). In both acts, race is definitely a factor, but the real focus of Norris' script is the way whites discuss race, especially with non-whites.

Predictably the 1959 setting features overtly racist language steeped in xenophobia with a healthy dose of plain ignorance. In the 2009 setting, however, the racist

language is far more coded and evasive — though every bit as potent.

As rich and layered as Norris' script is, the real gem of this production is its all-star ensemble cast. Every character is rich and distinct, communicating non-verbal emotions as clearly as the organic dialogue. Each act simmers at the start with palpable tension before building to explosive finales that shake the characters — and the house itself — to its foundation. In the second act, the same actors play brand new characters with equal depth and precision while adding a layer of cohesion.

Standout performances come from Jenise Cook and Jack Dowd. Dowd's characters are always grounded and authentic with a touch of intimidating menace. As a grieving father with a steely demeanor in Act I, Dowd is especially vibrant balancing unpredictable volatility with heartbreaking tenderness.

As the domestic help in Act I and the homeowner in Act II, Jenise Cook's roles are more visual than verbal. Cook's impressive array of incredulous facial expressions provide the necessary counter to the white characters who speak around and sometimes for her characters. When Cook does speak, her dialogue is often the most concise, revealing, and brutal of the entire show.

The show's greatest strength might be its pacing. Bowen's detail-oriented direction gives each act a sense of momentum, fine-tuning the seemingly random and clattering dialogue into a distinct but consistent rhythm. Bowen also helps the cast explore the script's full dynamic range from its eerie silences to its explosive tantrums. The results are equal parts unsettling and hilarious and the perfect conclusion to Peppermint Creek's theater season.

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Survivors tales

Two books detail stories in Michigan's harsh natural and urban extremes

By BILL CASTANIER

Great storytelling is an art, and this week, the Capital Area District Library will host two raconteurs. Tonight, Dennis

Dennis Hale

Book discussion
7 tonight

Jim Daniels

Book reading and discussion
7 p.m. Thursday May 22
Capital Area District Library
401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing
FREE
cadl.org

Hale will share the amazing true story of his survival after the freighter he was working on sank in the ice-cold waters of Lake Huron. Then on Thursday, author

Jim Daniels will read from his work that weaves fictional tales of survival in the rust-belt lifestyles in Warren, Mich.

The tumultuous November waters of the

Great Lakes have claimed more than the seamen of the Edmund Fitzgerald as we discover in Hale's account of the sinking of the S.S. Daniel J. Morrell on Nov. 29, 1966. Hale was the sole survivor.

As the Morrell was on its last run of the season, 70-mph winds and 25-foot waves tore the Morrell in two, pulling it under and taking 28 crewmembers to their deaths. Hale, who was 26 at the time, remembers having only time to grab a life jacket and a heavy pea coat before moving to the deck as the ship began to break apart. It's there the young watchman wondered, "when I am going to be killed?"

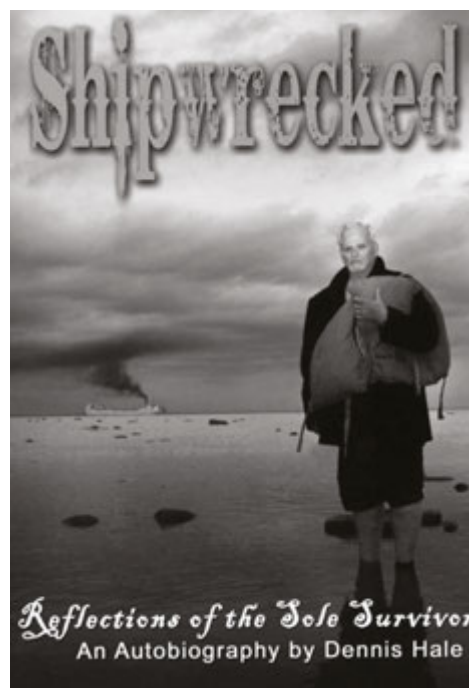
"The ship was sinking and it was surreal," he said in a recent phone interview from Newport, R.I., where he was speaking at the Steamship Historical Society of America's annual conference. So why did Hale survive and he others didn't, including three others who made it on his lifeboat but died of exposure? Hale, 74, thinks he was born to survive.

"My mother died at childbirth and I had a hard life," he said. That hard life included numerous counts of grand theft auto and running away from home. After the sinking, Hale's life turned around. He became a machinist, and after retiring twice he began work on his book, "Shipwrecked: Reflections of the Sole Survivor." It took him four years to write about the fateful night and his lifetime of survival.

"I often think of that night," Hale said. "Thirty-eight hours on a raft — how can you get away from it?" Hale who still has his life-jacket from the Morrell, is working on his next book, "Wackos on the Water," about men who sailed the Great Lakes.

"Detroit Tales," the latest book by author Jim Daniels, will be released next month. He lives in Pittsburgh, where he's a writing professor at Carnegie Mellon University, but he has an interesting relationship the Motor City.

"When people ask me where I'm from I say I'm from Detroit," he said recently by



Courtesy Photo

Dennis Hale survived his ship's sinking into Lake Huron in 1966. Jim Daniels survived growing up in a suburb of Detroit. Both men read from works based on their experiences this week at the downtown branch of the Capital Area District Library.

phone. "But the people in Detroit know I'm from Warren."

The collection of short stories in his recent book, "Eight Mile High" "fits together like a novel," Daniels said, who regularly visits family in the Detroit area.

"The stories are thematic, like an old rock album," Daniels said. That's likely why Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder said Daniels' stories "deserve applause."

Daniels, 57, has managed to capture that time and place of living on the fringe of Detroit in most of his four collections of short stories and his numerous poetry books.

"I think as a writer," Daniels said. "There is a lot to write (about Detroit) once you start peeling back the onion."

And the stories he tells, both in his poetry and short stories, will make you cry and make you laugh as working class folks go about surviving their daily lives. On one of his recent visits to Detroit, Daniels said he learned first-hand about that survival instinct.

"My oldest friend lost a bar in Troy, and he's kind of struggling," Daniels said.

Daniels will also discuss and read from his most recent book of poetry, "Birth Marks: Poems," a 2014 Michigan Notable Book Award winner. The author has worked in a variety of mediums, including working on turning one of his poems into a film.

Over the years, Daniels said his technique of writing has been to "beg, borrow and steal" — he listens closely to what other people have to say and writes it down. He keeps scraps of paper with story ideas and dialogue on index cards to trigger his memory. Daniels recently attended his 40th class reunion.

"I got a lot of story ideas there," he said.

Local creative writing teachers will also appreciate Daniels' observations on 33 years of teaching. He said writers frequently visit his classes that focus on community outreach to engage the larger community. For example, as part of the Martin Luther King Carnegie Mellon Writing Award, he challenged local students to tell their personal narratives on race, which were published as a chapbook.

"These (are) really moving, brave stories," he said.

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BREAKING THE TAPE

THE 7TH ANNUAL TOP OF THE TOWN AWARDS CROSSES THE FINISH LINE



A trained runner can crush a marathon — 26.2 miles — in around two hours. Ironman Triathlon athletes undergo about half a day of punishing perpetual motion to complete a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile cycling course followed by a marathon run. But in the seventh annual **Top of the Town Contest**, hosted by **City Pulse**, **MLive.com** and **News 6**, contestants endured a grueling nine-week, two-round race of ceaseless campaigning through tweets, Facebook posts and good old-fashioned glad-handing to make the grab for the medal. Or in the case of the business that racked up the most overall votes this time out, 55 years of dedicated customer service and quality goods. But we'll come back to that.

The **2014 Top of the Town Awards** continued its goal of recognizing everything that defines the best in local culture, from the top plumbers and car dealers to the creators of the finest local Asian cuisine, hairstyles and jokes.

The starter pistol fired for the two-round contest on March 19. The first heat consisted of a nomination round, for which any individual, business or location could be entered on the City Pulse website or mobile app and then voted on. We took the top five finishers from that leg and put them into competition for Round 2.

And finally, after 55 days of heated rivalry, the winners have been declared. Over the next 10 pages, you can see who can lay claim to being the Top of the Town: 88 categories of what gives Lansing its distinct personality. And hoo boy, are there some personalities.

After his previous win in 2010, **WILX-TV's Jason Colthorp** usurped the crown of Best TV Personality from three-year reigning champ **Evan Pinsonnault**, morning anchor at WLNS-TV. (Pinsonnault's consolation prize is taking top honors as Best Local Comedian, probably due in part to his hosting the locally produced variety show, "The Evan Michael Show.") And after ruling the roost for most of the contest's existence, Tim Barron (92.9-FM) didn't even make the top three; he was dethroned this year by **Alabama (97.5-FM)**.

Sometimes the story of the runners-up is just as compelling. **Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero** came in second place in three separate races: Best Politician, Worst Politician and Best Marijuana Strain. We're pretty sure it has nothing to do with Lansing's decriminalization of pot last year.

Some categories were added to accommodate shifting tastes (Best Farm-to-Table, Best Craft Beer Selection) and trends (Best Marijuana Strain, Best Indoor Grow Store), resulting in a clearer view of the average Lansing-area resident. Some notable local features defied category but needed to be included anyway — Best Local Clusterfuck, Best Place to Enter an Altered State — so we included them as staff picks.

Last year, the top three vote getters were, in order, **Soup Spoon Café**, **Golden Harvest** and **Horrocks Market**. This year, Soup Spoon fell to third, Golden Harvest held strong at second and Horrocks made the leap to No. 1 with nearly 10,000 total votes across six categories — Butcher, Farm-to-Table, Local Grocery Store, Produce/Farmer's Market, Wine Shop and Florist. Not bad for a business whose roots go back to the McKinley administration.

"My grandfather started his first fruit stand in Ionia County sometime in the 1890s, and my father opened this store until 1955," owner/operator Kim Horrocks said, hanging out by the potted grape trees in Horrocks Market's massive greenhouse. "Of course, it was much smaller then. I'm just keeping things going."

Horrocks' father, Jerald Horrocks, opened the business as a fruit-and-vegetable stand at 4820 W. Saginaw Highway on Lansing's west side. Jerald Horrocks, who died last month at 91, watched his business that started as few hundred square feet grow into an 8-acre multifaceted commercial operation with three locations spread across the region and dozens of full- and part-time employees.

"Everything we sell here is part of 55 years of evolution," Horrocks said. "My father was very proud of this



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Kim Horrocks is a third-generation produce vendor and the second member of his family at the helm of Horrocks Market on Lansing's west side. Horrocks expanded from a simple fruit-and-vegetable market in 1955 to an 8-acre multifaceted store that has a florist, butcher, greenhouse and expansive beer and wine selection.

place. He genuinely connected with people. He loved making people happy."

Walking from the greenhouse stocked with flowers and vegetable plants through the store's maze of fruit bins, meat coolers and metal racks loaded with specialty sauces, you'll see people from all walks of life. Little kids dart past old-timers pushing shopping carts loaded with tomato plants. Young professionals have hand baskets stocked with Michigan craft beer and imported cheeses. The florist wraps a bouquet for an eager young man.

"Our rule is if we're going to be in business, we want to be either number one or number two in that business," Horrocks said. "And if we're number two, then we're going to be working to be number one."



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3. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

CHILI

1. Wendy's
2. Soup Spoon Café
3. Meat. Southern BBQ & Carnivore Cuisine

COCKTAILS

1. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

2. The Exchange
3. Soup Spoon Café

CRAFT BEER SELECTION

1. HopCat
2. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
3. Crunchy's

DESSERT

1. MSU Dairy Store
2. Grand Traverse Pie Co.
3. Bake 'N Cakes

DINER

1. Fleetwood Diner
2. Golden Harvest
3. Fork in the Road

FARM TO TABLE (LOCAL PRODUCTS)

1. Horrock's Farm Market
2. Fork in the Road
3. Red Haven

FRIES

1. Hopcat
2. Five Guys Burgers & Fries
3. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill

GOURMET RESTAURANT

1. Dusty's Cellar
2. Soup Spoon Café
3. English Inn

INDIAN

1. Sindhu Indian Cuisine
2. Swagath Indian

- Cuisine
3. Jerusalem Bakery

ITALIAN

1. Deluca's Restaurant
2. Bravo!
3. Cugino's Italian Restaurant

LANSING-AREA BREWERY

1. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
2. Midtown Brewing Co.
3. BAD Brewing Co.

MEDITERRANEAN

1. Woody's Oasis
2. Aladdin's
3. Sultan's Place

MEXICAN

1. El Azteco
2. Cancun Mexican Grill
3. Los Tres Amigos

NEW RESTAURANT

1. HopCat
2. Capital Prime Steak and Seafood
3. Famous Dave's

PIZZA

1. Deluca's Restaurant
2. Art's Bar and Grill
3. Jet's Pizza

RESTAURANT WAIT STAFF

1. Soup Spoon Café

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BEST PLACE TO ENTER AN ALTERED STATE AND STARE INTO THE ABYSS — THE PARKING GARAGE AT EASTWOOD TOWNE CENTER

By MARY CUSACK

The new parking garage at the north end of the Eastwood Towne Center proves that LEDs will succeed laser-light shows for altered audiences. At night, the building is bathed in a diffused glow of light that gently transitions through the visible light spectrum. In inclement weather, the parking lot becomes a drive-in theater. You can stay warm and dry in your car, watching the show while listening to "Dark Side of the Moon" and munching on giant bags of popcorn from Cravings Popcorn.

IN THE STANDS

A GUIDE TO WHO'S WHO ON THIS WEEK'S COVER



Artwork by Craig Horky

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1 Gov. Rick Snyder
(Worst Local Politician)</p> <p>2 Dave Bernath
(Best Vinyl Record Store, FBC)</p> <p>3 Jon Howard
(Best Vinyl Record Store, FBC)</p> <p>4 Alabama Cole
(Best Radio Personality, 97.5 NOW FM)</p> <p>5 Rick Preuss
(Best Pet Store, Preuss Pets)</p> | <p>6 Craig Doepker
(Best Bartender, Mac's Bar)</p> <p>7 Jason Colthorp
(Best TV Personality, WILX)</p> <p>8 Gretchen Whitmer
(Best Local Politician)</p> <p>9 Jena McShane Photography
(Best Local Photographer)</p> <p>10 Whitney Spotts
(Best Cover Band, Starfarm)</p> |
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LONGEST TRAFFIC LIGHT —
CEDAR STREET AND AURELIUS ROAD

By **MARK NIXON**

Nobody does traffic signals better than Holt. The one at the corner of Cedar Street and Aurelius Road is to die for (of old age). Multiple-choice question: While waiting for the light to turn green, I have:

- (a) Sung all four verses of the Star Spangled Banner.
- (b) Signed up for Obamacare (during the bungled rollout).
- (c) Knitted a complete sweater.
- (d) All of the above.

Answer: (d). All three tasks completed during a single traffic stop.



Winners

from page 13

- 2. Golden Harvest
- 3. Texas Roadhouse

SANDWICH/DELI

- 1. Jersey Giant
- 2. Soup Spoon Café
- 3. Jimmy John's

SEAFOOD

- 1. Mitchell's Fish Market
- 2. Red Lobster
- 3. Maru Sushi & Grill

STEAK

- 1. Texas Roadhouse
- 2. Capital Prime Steak and Seafood
- 3. Knight Cap

SUSHI

- 1. SanSu
- 2. Ukai Japanese Steak, Sushi & Seafood
- 3. Ai Fusion Sushi & Grill

**VEGETARIAN/VEGAN/
GLUTEN FREE**

- 1. Fork in the Road

- 2. LEAF
- 3. Soup Spoon Café

BEST HANGOUTS
BEST SPARTAN SPORTS HANGOUT

- 1. Crunchy's
- 2. Spartan Hall of Fame Café
- 3. Buffalo Wild Wings – East Lansing

CHURCH

- 1. Riverview Church – Holt
- 2. St. John Student Parish
- 3. Trinity Church

COFFEE SHOP

- 1. Biggby – Okemos
- 2. Grand River Coffee Café
- 3. Biggby – Holt

DANCE BAR

- 1. The Green Door
- 2. Spiral Dance Bar
- 3. Whiskey Barrel

GAY/LESBIAN BAR

- 1. Spiral Dance Bar
- 2. Zoobie's Old Town

- Tavern
- 3. Esquire Bar

KARAOKE

- 1. Crunchy's
- 2. Sir Pizza Grand Café
- 3. Buddie's Pub & Grill – Okemos

MOVIE THEATRE

- 1. NCG Cinemas
- 2. Celebration Cinema!
- 3. Studio C!

MUSIC VENUE

- 1. The Loft
- 2. The Green Door
- 3. Breslin Center

OPEN-MIC NIGHT

- 1. Connxtions Comedy Club (Closed)
- 2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- 3. Sir Pizza Grand Cafe

PATIO

- 1. Peanut Barrel
- 2. El Azteco – East Lansing
- 3. Waterfront Bar & Grill

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Winners

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PUB/TAVERN

1. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
2. Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
3. Claddagh Irish Pub

SPORTS BAR

1. Reno's East
2. Buffalo Wild Wings – East Lansing
3. Champps

BEST LOCAL MUSIC COVER BAND

1. Starfarm
2. Soulstice
3. Kathy Ford Band

SOLO ARTIST

1. Jen Sygit
2. Taylor Taylor
3. Phil Denny

ORIGINAL BAND

1. Root Doctor
2. Frog & the Beeftones
3. Steppin' in It

CLUB DJ

1. DJ Donnie D
2. Craig Doepker
3. Skitzo

RADIO STATION

1. 94.1 The Edge
2. 97.5 NOW FM
3. 88.9 The Impact

BEST PEOPLE BARTENDER

1. Craig Doepker – Mac's Bar
2. Kevin Angell – Soup Spoon Café
3. Sami Hutting – Watershed Bar & Grill

BEST LOCAL POLITICAN

1. Gretchen Whitmer
2. Virg Bernero
3. Barbara Byrum

CAR SALESPERSON

1. Dorene Fuller – Grand Ledge Ford
2. Dennis Lemon – Shaheen Chevrolet
3. Brent Wesley – Shaheen Chevrolet

ENVIRONMENTALIST

1. Dennis Laidler –

- Potter Park Zoo
2. Nature Conservatory of Michigan
3. Julie Powers

LOCAL COMEDIAN

1. Evan Pinsonnault
2. Melik Brown
3. Dwayne Gill

LOCAL FM/AM RADIO PERSONALITY

1. Alabama – 97.5 NOW FM
2. Banana Don & Stephanie – 100.7 WITL

3. Josh Strickland – 97.5 NOWFM

LOCAL TV NEWS PERSONALITY

1. Jason Colthorp - WILX
2. Evan Pinsonnault - WLNS
3. Andy Provenzano – WILX

WORST LOCAL POLITICAN

1. Rick Snyder
2. Virg Bernero
3. Carol Wood

BEST SERVICES ALTERNATIVE HEALTH

1. Creative Wellness
2. Just B Yoga
3. East Lansing Hot Yoga

AUTO REPAIR

1. Frankie D's Auto & Truck Repair
2. Brogan's Tire & Auto Service
3. Shaheen Chevrolet

BANK/CREDIT UNION

1. MSU Federal Credit Union

2. Lake Trust Credit Union
3. LAFCU

BICYCLE SHOP

1. Velocipede Peddler
2. Riverfront Cycle
3. SPIN Bicycle Shop

CAR WASH/DETAILING

1. Kwik Car Wash
2. Showroom Shine – East Lansing
3. Soapy Joes

See Winners, Page 18

FAVORITE SHOPPING BAG — OCTOBER MOON

By STEFANIE POHL

Old Town's October Moon is my go-to for gifts. Not only is every corner of the store curated with finds like terra cotta pots from Tuscany and whimsical wine stoppers, but shoppers take home that attention to detail with their shopping bags. The deceptively simple brown paper bags with the store's black and white label on the front as just the foundation for what will happen next. Owner Aura Ozburn and her sales associates dress up their bags by spritzing tissue paper with yummy scents, then use dried or fresh flowers and twine to make each package as special as what's inside. Whether the contents are a gift for a loved one or a gift for myself is no matter. The shopping bag from October Moon is an event and conversation piece unto itself.





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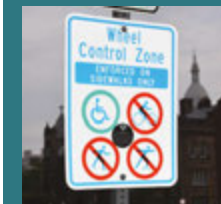
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BEST PLACE TO GO GORGE ON NATIVE BERRIES — LANSING RIVER TRAIL

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

In the heart of downtown Lansing, where the Grand River slides darkly under Michigan Avenue, curves a pleasant plank crescent of the River Trail. Come July, a humble row of ornamental trees makes the mulch-y strip of earth sloping from the Convention Center to the River Trail the place to be. Stop your bike, park the stroller, shoo away the finches, reach up and gorge yourself on delicious blue berries until your hands are inky and your lips pucker. (They're even good when they're still red and unripe.) You won't even have to step off the trail, but you probably will, in pursuit of the perfect cluster. Bask in the curious looks of passersby who don't grasp the concept of finding and eating food by a non-fluorescent source of light. The trees might be ornamental, but they are native to North America — more native than apples — and are known by many names, including chokecherry, Shadwood, Saskatoon and Sarvis tree, corrupted to "Serviceberry" in some parts. You can make pie or jam out of them, or press them into strips of powdered meat and make pemmican, as the Native Americans did two centuries ago. Or just roll them down your throat until you poop blue.

BEST NEW DOWNTOWN SIGN — WHEEL CONTROL ZONE



By BILL CASTANIER

Signs, signs, everywhere signs. A "Wheel Control Zone" sign joins the plethora of signage in downtown Lansing telling us to do this and not do that. But remember, it's "enforced on sidewalks only."

Winners

from page 15

ELECTRICAL

1. Bohnet Electrical Co.
2. Consumers Energy
3. Lansing Board of Water & Light

HOTEL/BED & BREAKFAST

1. English Inn
2. Wild Goose Inn
3. Kellogg Center

LAUNDROMAT/ DRY CLEANERS

1. Baryames Cleaners
2. Sunshine Laundromat — Frandor
3. Maurer's

LAWYER

1. Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C.
2. Andrew Abood
3. Sinas Dramis Law Firm

MAID SERVICE

1. Molly Maid
2. Merry Maids
3. Aunt JoJo's Cleaning Service

MOVERS

1. Two Men and a Truck
2. U-Haul
3. EJ & Sons Moving Services

PET CARE/SERVICES

1. Wag 'N Tails Pet Resort
2. Patterson Veterinary Hospital
3. Miller Animal Clinic

PHOTOGRAPHER

1. Jena McShane Photography
2. Autumn Luciano Photography
3. Jessica Cowles

PLUMBER

1. Michigan Plumbing
2. Meridian Plumbing
3. Hedlund Plumbing

SALON/SPA/BARBERSHOP

1. Douglas J. Aveda Institute
2. Douglas J. — Okemos
3. Matthew Ryan Salon

TANNING SALON

1. J2 Tanning
2. Tanzmania
3. Pacific Tan

TATTOO PARLOR

1. Fish Ladder Tattoo
2. Splash of Color
3. Vivid Ink

BEST SHOPPING ANTIQUE SHOP

1. Mason Antique District
2. Mega Mall
3. Love, Betti

ART GALLERY

1. Broad Museum
2. Creole Gallery
3. Lansing Art Gallery

BOOKSTORE

1. Schuler Books & Music — Eastwood

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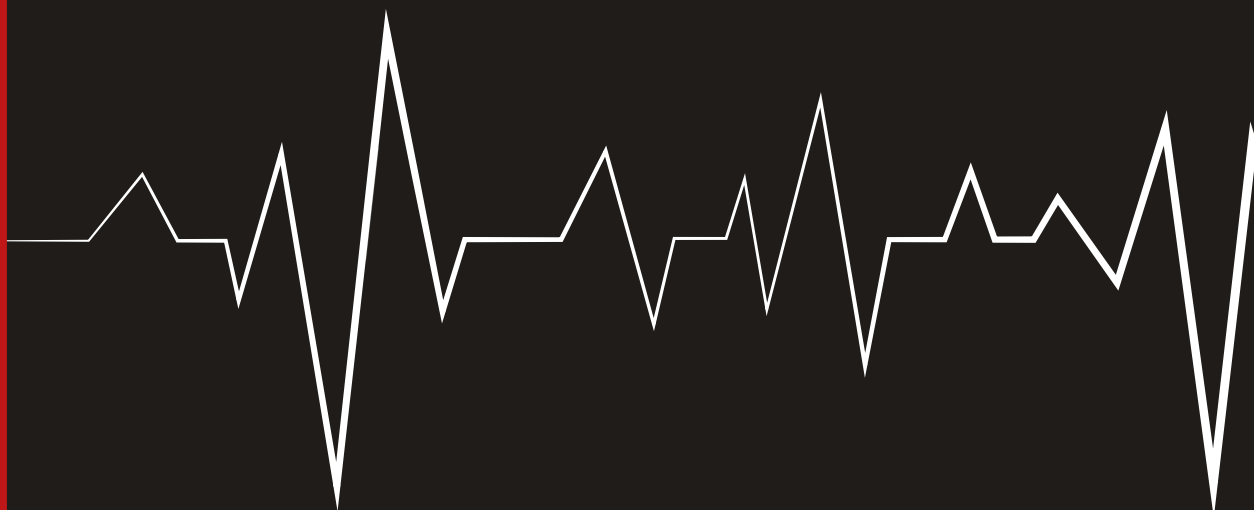
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FAVORITE CLUSTERFUCK — SAGINAW STREET NORTH OF FRANDOR

By **ANDY BALASKOVITZ**

Really, I could include any of the traffic flow in and around Frandor Shopping Center, but nothing inches me closer to the edge — in a car or on a bike — than the mess around Saginaw Street just north of Frandor. You know the place. Four-lane mergers at 50 miles per hour and piss-poor visibility liken this route to red blood cells passing through a clogged artery.

Yes, it sucks, but there's nothing like the high you get from successfully passing through. Have you never let out a "whooooo" after escaping during rush hour?

If there's a traffic engineer out there with a better plan, who cares. Keep it to yourself.



BEST FREESTYLE PAINT JOB —

BONNIE BUCQUEROUX' CAR

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Upon turning 70 last week, Bonnie Bucqueroux asked her birthday party celebrants to help her paint her 2002 Dodge Caravan. The amateur graffiti artists, not a Banksy among them, were armed with several spray cans of paint and Great Stuff foam, turned out this gem.



Winners

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- 2. Barnes & Noble – Lansing Mall**
3. Curious Book Shop

BUTCHER

1. Merindorf Meats – Mason
2. Horrock's Farm Market
3. Merindorf Meats – Williamston

CLOTHING STORE

1. Kohl's
2. Grace Boutique
3. Younker's

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

1. Kellie's Consignments
2. Second Time Around
3. Plato's Closet

CONVENIENCE/ LIQUOR STORE

1. Quality Dairy
2. Oades Big Ten Party Store – Clippert
3. Tom's Party Store

FLORIST

1. Horrock's Farm Market
2. Smith Floral
3. BA Florist

INDOOR GROW SHOP

1. H2O Hydroponics – Okemos

2. Capital City Growers Supply
3. Hydroworld

JEWELRY STORE

1. Becky Beauchine Kulka
2. H&H Jewelry Design
3. Kay Jewelers

LOCAL GROCERY STORE

1. Horrock's Farm Market
2. Goodrich's Shop Rite
3. Foods for Living

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS STORE

1. Elderly Instruments
2. Marshall Music
3. Music Manor

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Winners

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PET STORE

1. Preuss Pets
2. Soldan's Feeds & Pets Supplies
3. PetSmart

PRODUCE/ FARMERS MARKET

1. Horrock's Farm Market
2. Lansing City Market
3. Meridian Township Farmers Market

VINYL RECORD STORE

1. Flat, Black and Circular (FBC)
2. Record Lounge

3. Schuler Books & Music - Eastwood

WINE SHOP

1. Dusty's Cellar
2. Horrock's Farm Market
3. Goodrich's Shop Rite

BEST WHATEVER ANNUAL EVENT/ FESTIVAL

1. Common Ground Music Festival
2. East Lansing Art Festival
3. (TIE) Be A Tourist in Your Own Town
3. (TIE) Old Town BluesFest

BEST NIGHT OUT

1. Downtown Lansing

2. Lansing Lugnuts Game
3. Zoobie's Old Town Tavern

LOCAL THEATRE GROUP

1. Riverwalk Theatre
2. MSU Theatre Department
3. Williamston Theatre

MARIJUANA STRAIN

1. Blueberry Kush
2. Virg Bernero
3. Blue Cheese

PLACE TO TAKE OUT-OF-TOWNERS

1. Old Town Lansing
2. Golden Harvest
3. MSU Campus

BEST SUGGESTION FOR ABANDONED BUILDING ON KALAMAZOO ST. — GROCERY STORE

By BECKY MCKENDRY

Last fall, the unoccupied Paro Party Store on Kalamazoo Street was given a coat of blackboard paint and stenciled with the phrase "I wish this were a _____." Some passersby took the opportunity to ask for a bookstore, a community center or a church. Others decided to write nonsense ("I wish this were a butthole"). One suggestion that kept popping up? Grocery store. Speaking as an Eastside resident, we desperately need this. If you need proof, try to think of one place in the area to buy groceries that doesn't make most of its money on liquor. Told you.

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OUT ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, May 21

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.

Job Search Techniques. Seminar. 9:15-10:30 a.m. FREE. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St. Suite A, St. Johns. camw.org.

Wild Ones May Meeting. Native garden design. 7 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 887-0596, wildoneslansing.org.

Discussion. The creation of the Nation of Islam in Detroit. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, pilgrimucc.com.

MiCafe Counseling. Seminar on food and medical assistance. 9 a.m.-noon, FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

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

EVENTS

DTDL Book Club. Discussion of "Look Again" by Lisa Scottoline. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4, dtdl.org.

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

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

Senior Discovery Group. Coffee and conversations. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

The Greater Lansing Ride of Silence. Silent procession to honor killed/injured cyclists. 5:15 p.m. FREE. Wells Hall, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 282-7515, tinyurl.com/MichRoS2014.

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance. Educate beneficiaries on Medicare. 6:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 >> ALLEN STREET FARMERS MARKET 2014 OUTDOOR OPENING

The Allen Street Farmers Market opens today, unofficially kicking off summer for Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood. The market offers locally grown produce, baked and prepared food from 22 producers throughout mid-Michigan. The kickoff event will also feature live music from local musician Keven Felder from 4 to 6 p.m. Allen Street accepts SNAP and Bridge Cards; Double Up Food Bucks start June 1. 2:30 - 7 p.m. 1619 E. Kalamazoo St, Lansing. (517) 367-2468.

THURSDAY, MAY 22-25 >> 'A WRINKLE IN TIME' AT OVER THE LEDGE THEATRE CO.



It's centaurs, faraway galaxies, and the folding of the very fabric of time itself in Over the Ledge Theatre Co.'s production of "A Wrinkle in Time." Based on the award-winning book by Madeleine L'Engle, a young brother and sister befriend a trio of strange old beings — Mrs. Who, Mrs. Whatsit and Mrs. Which — who aid them in an adventure to the farthest reaches of the unknown in search of their lost father. As out there as it sounds, L'Engle's intergalactic tale has been praised for its grounded approach toward a philosophical exploration of good versus evil. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org. (Continues May 28-June 1.)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 >> SAMITE OF UGANDA

East Lansing Public Schools presents a free community concert with internationally acclaimed musician Samite of Uganda. Samite brings his unique vocals to the stage, as well as his mastery of the kalimba (a small finger piano), marimba, litingu (a seven-stringed Kenyan instrument) and Western and traditional African flutes. Samite will also invite East Lansing's 5th and 6th-grade choirs on stage to perform with him. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing High School Performing Arts Center, 590 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7500.



THURSDAY, MAY 22 >> COURTHOUSE CONCERT SERIES 2014

The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the first in its series of Courthouse Concerts. Held on the courthouse lawn, the series' 10th season debuts with a performance by the Mason Middle School and Mason High School Jazz bands. The Mason Optimist Club will have chips, hot dogs and pop for sale as well. 6 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Courthouse, 148 E. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-1046, masonchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 >> THE MOTH MAINSTAGE AT WHARTON



Since the dawn of language, storytelling has served as a means of communication, a way to preserve oral history and a form of entertainment. The Moth is a nationally acclaimed organization dedicated to the art of storytelling, and this Wharton event will bring the Moth's blend of comedic, dramatic and suspenseful stories to East Lansing for the first time. Founded by poet and novelist George Dawes Green and based out of New York City, the Moth's touring iteration puts five diverse storytellers on stage. The evening will be emceed by regular Moth host, storyteller/comedian Ophiria Eisenberg. Eisenberg is host of NPR's weekly comedy trivia show "Ask Me Another" and has made appearances on "The Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and "The Today Show." 7:30 p.m. \$32/\$60 VIP. Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall, 750 E. Shaw Lane, East Lansing. (517) 353-1982, whartoncenter.com.

SATURDAY MAY 24 >> HOSPIGE BENEFIT CAR SHOW

The Capital Area Muscle Car Club and the Capital City Corvette Club hosts a benefit to raise money for Sparrow Hospice Services. There will be giveaways, live music, classic cars on display and food catered by Olympic Broil. Awards will be given for the top 25 cars as well as five sponsor trophies for best in show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$15 registration. Hawk Island Park, E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing. (517) 819-1155, capitalareamusclecarclub.org.

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



THU. MAY 29TH

KNOW LYFE \$1 SHOW

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$3/\$1 adv., 7 p.m., Thursday, May 29.

Local progressive-metal band Know Lyfe is rolling back ticket prices to \$1 on May 29. The band's \$1 show at the Loft includes performances from OfVirtue, Ground Tracer, Heed the Assailant and Recorruptor. Know Lyfe singer Alfonso Civile spearheads the show. "After seeing the decline in attendance, I really wanted to get bands actively promoting their local shows rather than opening-act, national support shows," Civile said. "I also wanted to give people zero reasons to not attend a live show." As for Know Lyfe? "We are neck deep in writing the new record," Civile said. "We're almost done with the pre-production, in August we'll record about 15 songs."

SETH BERNARD LP RELEASE SHOW

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$10, 8 p.m., Friday, May 23.

Michigan singer/songwriter Seth Bernard, known for his work in the duo Seth & May, releases "Reconciliation & the Mystical Beyonda" Friday at the Avenue Café. The new disc, which clocks in over an hour, was recorded over the last year and half at La Luna and Double Phelix in Kalamazoo. The first single off the record is the crowd favorite "Turkeys in the Rain." At this release gig, Seth will be joined by Dan Rickabus of the Crane Wives on drums and percussion and bassist Max Lockwood of Big Dudee Roo. As for the new disc, his label described it as "an ambitious, sweeping feat of song craft, rock production and sonic construction in the folk tradition."



FRI. MAY 23RD

GORDON LIGHTFOOT AT WHARTON

Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall. All ages, \$65-\$35, 8 p.m., Thursday, June 19.

After 50 years of songwriting, Gordon Lightfoot has a catalog of Billboard hits: "Early Morning Rain," "If You Could Read My Mind," "Carefree Highway," "Sundown," and "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald" to just name a few. Lightfoot's "50 Years On The Carefree Highway Tour" stops at the Wharton Center. The set list includes the hits and some deep cuts for the staunch fans, in between tunes he shares some behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes. Over the years, Lightfoot's songs have been covered by a long list of icons, including Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash and the Replacements. For a chance to win a pair of tickets to the show, visit lansingcitypulse.com.



THU. JUNE 19TH

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 Calamity Cubes, 9 p.m.	Glass Lassie, 8 p.m.	Seth Bernard, 8 p.m.	Narc Out the Reds, 8 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Updraft, 9 p.m.		DJ Jimmy, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		DJ, 9 p.m.	Homespun, 9 p.m.	Homespun, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Dave Menzo, 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.	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.
Fireside Grill, 6951 Lansing Rd.		Jim Pontack, 8:30 p.m.		Paulie C, 9 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke, 7 p.m.	Untamed Beauty, 8 p.m.
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 8 p.m.	Hidden Agenda, 8:30 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9 p.m.	Root Doctor, 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.		Kaleido, 7 p.m.	Fuel, 7 p.m.	The Jonestown Crows, 7 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.			The Devil's Cut, 9 p.m.	
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Game Night, 7 p.m.	The Dewaynes, 9:30 p.m.	The Lash, 9:30 p.m.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.
R-Club, 6409 Centurion Dr.			Kathy Ford, 8:30 p.m.	
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.	Scott Martin, 8 p.m.		
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Dave Floyd, 8 p.m.		
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog & the Beefonones, 9 p.m.	Lady Luck, 9 p.m.	Lady Luck, 9 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Drive	Pat Zelenka, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 6 p.m.	Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLaughlin, 7 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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WHAT TODO: 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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(517) 351-2420, elpl.org.
Allen Street Farmers Market Outdoor Season Opening. Locally grown, raised, and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. (517) 999-3911, allenmarketplace.org.

MUSIC

Deacon Earl & The Congregation. Blues, reggae & more. Keven Felder also performs. 8 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Suits Tavern, 210 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 702-9150, suitstavern.com.

Thursday, May 22

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

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.
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.
Resumes/Cover Letters. Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St. Suite A, St. Johns. camw.org.
Teen Job Workshop. Job tips and resume reviews, ages 15-19. 6:30 p.m., FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.
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.
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.

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.
Family Education Days. Nutrition education. 11 a.m. & 4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7400, lansingcitymarket.com.
Organic Farm Farmstand. Student run, featuring local organic food. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. FREE. MSU Auditorium, MSU campus. 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. (517) 230-7987, msuorganicfarm.com.
Altered: Michael Stratton. Guided tour for Broad MSU members only. 6:30 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-3914.
Averill Woods Neighborhood Meeting. Topic: Safe Routes to School planning. 7 p.m. FREE. Averill Elementary School, 3201 Averill Drive, Lansing. (517) 394-3996, averillwoods.org.

MUSIC

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

{REVOLUTION} at Tavern. Electronic music, 21-up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. FREE. Tavern On the Square, 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-5555.
Open Mic Night with Hot Mess. All acts and musicians are welcome. 9 p.m.-midnight, FREE. Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-4714, facebook.com/gusbuster11.

THEATER

"Clybourne Park." Two racially charged acts set 50 years apart. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors and students. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org.
"The Four Disgracers." Four original, one-act plays about unlucky figures from Greek mythology. 8 p.m. \$15. AA Creative Corridor, 1133 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-8789, ixiontheatre.com.
"Old Love." A story of star-crossed love spanning three decades. 8 p.m. \$20. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.
"A Wrinkle in Time." Two siblings travel through space and time in search of their lost father. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Friday, May 23

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.
E-Pathways Information Meeting. Career-transition program. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan

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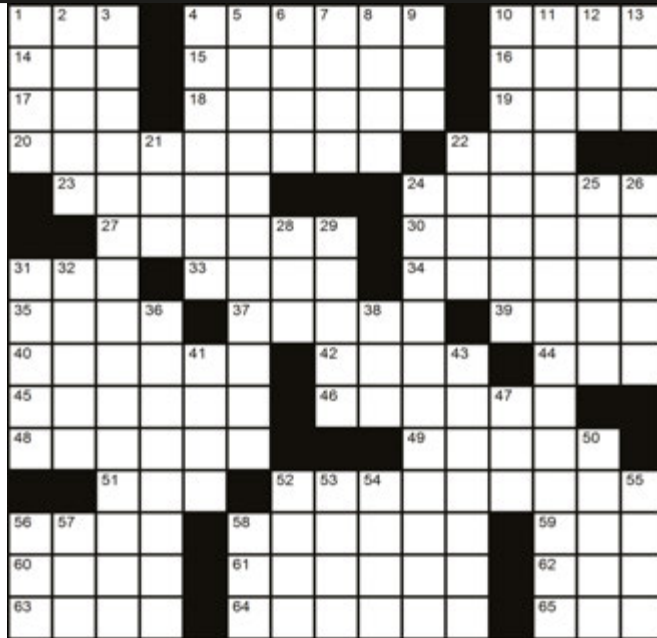
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Make It Rain"--it'll be your downfall.
 Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Brother of Dubya
- 4 Does nothing
- 10 "And others" abbreviation
- 14 Let go
- 15 Fed. securities
- 16 1958 Chevalier musical
- 17 Actress Kirshner
- 18 Like some fibrillation
- 19 Agents under J. Edgar Hoover, informally
- 20 Put effort into test prep
- 22 Serviceability
- 23 Ex-R.E.M. lead
- 24 Hiccups, e.g.
- 27 "Dang straight!"
- 30 Certain Sooner
- 31 Problem while drying out
- 33 Backside
- 34 Not quite transparent
- 35 In-basket stamp: abbr.
- 37 Necklace part
- 39 Address for Bill and Ted
- 40 Detach
- 42 Become less hostile
- 44 Irish airline ____
- Lingus
- 45 Research your blind date, say
- 46 Mister, in Rio
- 48 Polar expedition vehicle
- 49 10-rated Bo



- 51 Amateur
- 52 Bunk up
- 56 Cupid's specialty
- 58 Bar in a steering mechanism
- 59 "32 Flavors" singer
- DiFranco
- 60 Attack of the flu
- 61 Leisurely walk
- 62 Alkali in cleansers
- 63 Barracks bunks
- 64 Where everything from the theme answers collects
- 65 Young bloke
- 5 Where sand and plastic shovels go?
- 6 When tripled, a 1970 war film
- 7 Make Kool-Aid
- 8 Abacus piece
- 9 Fashionable initials
- 10 Sandwich spread
- 11 Party in New York City?
- 12 Get better in barrels
- 13 Jeremy of the NBA
- 21 "Lock Up the Wolves" metal band
- 22 "____ and Away"
- 24 The two things tires do best?
- 25 "Harold and ____"
- 26 Nasty expression
- 28 Course for U.S. immigrants
- 29 "____ how I roll"
- 31 "Hugs not ____"
- 32 Carpentry joint part
- 36 Horse-drawn vehicles, despite their name
- 38 That naval vessel
- 41 Cosmetics aisle brand
- 43 Sweet-talk
- 47 Day division, in Venice
- 50 Great Rift Valley locale
- 52 In ____ (as found)
- 53 Alpaca group
- 54 Longtime Yankees nickname
- 55 Conked out
- 56 "Resurrection" network
- 57 Ranch call
- 58 Cough syrup amt.

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- 1 Impromptu concerts
- 2 Goes offstage
- 3 Reason cosmetology is a no-go?
- 4 "Freeze!"

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TO PLAY

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Answers on page 28

Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsky

May 21-27

ARIES (March 21-April 19): I believe your persuasive powers will be stronger than usual in the weeks ahead. The words coming out of your mouth will sound especially interesting. I also suspect that your intelligence will get at least a temporary upgrade. The clarity of your thoughts will intensify. You will see truths you have been blind to in the past. Innovative solutions to long-running dilemmas are likely to occur to you. The only potential snag is that you might neglect to nurture your emotional riches. You could become a bit too dry and hard. But now that I've warned you of that possibility, let's hope you will take steps to ensure it won't happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If there was a Hall of Fame for scientists, physicist Isaac Newton (1642-1727) would have been the charter member. He was like Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry were to rock and roll, like Babe Ruth was to baseball. The theory of gravity and the three laws of motion were his gifts to the world. He made major contributions to mathematics and optics, and was a central figure in defining modern science. There is also a legend that he invented the cat door, inspired by his pet felines. Whether or not that's true, it serves as an excellent metaphor for this horoscope. It's an excellent time for you to apply your finest talents and highest intelligence to dream up small, mundane, but practical innovations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): During the next 12 months you will have exceptional opportunities to soak up knowledge, add to your skill set, and get the training you need to pursue interesting kinds of success in the coming six to eight years. What's the best way to prepare? Develop an exciting new plan for your future education. To get in the mood, try the following: make a list of your most promising but still unripe potentials; meditate on the subjects that evoke your greatest curiosity; brainstorm about what kinds of experiences would give you more control over your destiny; and study three people you know who have improved their lives by taking aggressive steps to enhance their proficiency.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The moon shows us a different phase every 24 hours, which makes it seem changeable. But in fact, not much actually happens on the moon. It has no atmosphere, no weather, no wind, no plant life, no seasons. There is some water, but it's all frozen. Is there anything like this in your own life, Cancerian? Something that on the surface of things seems to be in constant motion, but whose underlying state never actually shifts or develops? According to my analysis, now would be an excellent time for you to revise the way you understand this part of your world, and then update your relationship with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have you thought of organizing a crowdfunding campaign to boost your pet project or labor of love? I suggest you get serious about it in the next four weeks. This coming phase of your cycle will be a favorable time to expand your audience, attract new allies, and build a buzz. You will have a sixth sense about how to wield your personal charm to serve your long-term goals. More than usual, your selfish interests will dovetail with the greater good -- perhaps in unexpected ways.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Years ago I had a Virgo friend who was a talented singer. She had technical skill, stylistic flair, and animal magnetism, making her worthy of being a lead vocalist in almost any great band. And yet when she was asleep and had dreams of performing, she often found herself standing in the shadows, barely visible and singing tentatively, while her back-up singers hogged the spotlight at center stage. Moral of the story: Some of you Virgos are shy about claiming your full authority. It doesn't always come easy for you to shine your light and radiate your power. And yet you can most definitely learn to do so.

The coming weeks will be an excellent time to make progress in this direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "There is always an enormous temptation in all of life," writes Annie Dillard, "to diddle around making itsy-bitsy friends and meals and journeys for itsy-bitsy years on end . . . I won't have it. The world is wider than that in all directions, more dangerous and bitter, more extravagant and bright." Your assignment in the coming weeks, Libra, is to transcend whatever is itsy-bitsy about your life. The alternative? Head toward the frontier and drum up experiences that will thrill your heart and blow your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "We are all searching for someone whose demons play well with ours," writes novelist Heidi R. Kling. That's good advice for you to keep in mind these days, Scorpio. Those little imps and rascals that live within you may get you into bad trouble if they feel bored. But if you arrange for them to have play dates with the imps and rascals of people you trust, they are far more likely to get you into good trouble. They may even provide you with bits of gritty inspiration. What's that you say? You don't have any demons? Not true. Everyone has them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "When people tell you who they are, believe them," writes blogger Maria Popova (Brainpickings.org). "Just as importantly, however, when people try to tell you who you are, don't believe them." Those suggestions are especially crucial for you to keep in mind these days. You are entering a phase when your best relationships will be up for review and revision and revitalization. To foster an environment in which intimacy will thrive, you've got to be extra receptive, curious, tolerant, and tender. That's all! Not hard, right? A good place to start is to proceed as if your allies know who they are better than you do -- even as you ask them to return the favor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): "Kludge" (pronounced kloo-j) is a slang word that refers to a clumsy but effective fix for an engineering problem. It's a cobble-together solution that works fine, at least temporarily, even though it is inelegant or seems farfetched. Let's use this concept in a metaphorical way to apply to you. I'm guessing that you will be a kludge master in the coming days. You will be skilled at making the best of mediocre situations. You may have surprising success at doing things that don't come naturally, and I bet you will find unexpected ways to correct glitches that no one else has any idea about how to fix.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I hesitate to compare you to your fellow Aquarian Kim Jong-il. When he was alive and ruling North Korea, he was an egomaniacal tyrant. You're definitely not that. But there are certain descriptions of him in his official biography that remind me of the kinds of powers you may soon exhibit. He was called The Great Sun of Life and Highest Incarnation of Revolutionary Comradely Love, for instance. Titles like that might suit you. It is said that he invented the hamburger. He could command rain to fall from the sky. He once shot eleven holes-in-one in a single round of golf, was a master of gliding down waterslides, and never had to use a toilet because he produced no waste. You may be able to express comparable feats in the coming weeks. (Do it without falling prey to excessive pride, OK?)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Even if you had a sensitive, nurturing mommy when you were growing up, and even if she continues to play an important role in your life, now would be a good time to learn how to mother yourself better. You are finally ready to appreciate how important it is to be your own primary caregiver. And I'm hoping you are no longer resistant to or embarrassed about the idea that part of you is still like a child who needs unconditional love 24/7. So get started! Treat yourself with the expert tenderness that a crafty maternal goddess would provide.

Out on the town

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Works, 2110 S. Cedar St. Lansing, epathways.org.

EVENTS

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

MUSIC

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

Karaoke Night. Food, drink specials and amazing vocalists. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-4714, facebook.com/gusbuster11.

Seth Bernard. Folk/bluegrass/pop. 8 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550. sethandmay.com.

THEATER

"Clybourne Park." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors and students. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org

"Old Love." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 8 p.m. \$25/\$23 seniors and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

"A Wrinkle in Time." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Saturday, May 24

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

Spring Migratory Bird Walks. Learning about Michigan birds. 8 a.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224, mynaturecenter.org.

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

Tai Chi in the Park. For beginning and experienced tai chi practitioners. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community Garden House, 1400 E.

Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Growing Herbs for flavor. Learn to grow and forage for simple herbs. 3-4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

EVENTS

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

Native Michigan Plant Sale. Wild Ones will sell native flowers for sun & shade. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Meridian Farmer's Market, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 887-0596, wildoneslansing.org.

MUSIC

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

Live music with Taylor Taylor. Local singer-songwriter. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460, lansingcitymarket.com.

THEATER

"Clybourne Park." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors and students. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. (517) 927-3016, peppermintcreek.org.

"The Four Disgracers." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$15. AA Creative Corridor, 1133 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-8789, ixiontheatre.com.

"Old Love." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. \$25/\$22 matinee/\$23 seniors and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. peppermintcreek.org.

"A Wrinkle in Time." (See details Thursday, May 22.) 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Sunday, May 25

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 485-9190, ruetenik@gmail.com.

Spiritual Talk, Pure Meditation and Silent Prayer. 10 a.m. FREE. Self Realization Meditation Healing Centre, 7187 Drumheller Road, Bath. (517) 641-6201, selfrealizationcentremichigan.org.

Atheists and Humanists Meeting. With special speaker Diane Petryk. 5 p.m. FREE/buffet \$9.65. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 914-2278. atheists.meetup.com/453/.

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MERT'S MEATS ON THE AVENUE

Alexandra Harakas/City Pulse
Shirley Decker Prescott will open Mert's Meats on the Avenue in Lansing's Eastside Neighborhood the week of June 2. She's also the co-owner/operator of Mert's Speciality Meats (pictured here) in Okemos.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

Earlier this year, the **Michigan Market** became the east side's dominant convenience store. It featured a wide selection of beer, wine, liquor and cooler

items — as well as a small supply of snacks and household

items — but although the store's deli counter should be in place by summer, it lacks the perishable items typically associated with a full-service community grocery store. However, the neighborhood will get fresh with a full range of meat cuts and seafood when **Mert's Meats on the Avenue** opens one block away in two weeks. The 1,800-square-foot store on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Marshall Street will open the week of June 2, and will be the satellite location for **Mert's Speciality Meats** in Okemos.

"We saw a need for fresh meat in the east side," said Shirley Decker Prescott, who co-owns the business with her son and husband. "That area is really starting to build up. We know we've got a good customer base there and it's a great neighborhood."

Mert's Meats on the Avenue will feature Chairman's reserve beef from a Midwest distributor, including grass-fed ground beef and steaks,

as well as homemade sausages, regular and free-range chickens and duck. The seafood selection will include salmon, crab, shrimp and prepared selections like stuffed clams and crusted tilapia

"We can also bring specialty items in as customers ask and availability is there," Prescott said. "We have the ability to fill a much needed niche."

Like the Okemos location, the Michigan Avenue store will also stock spices, sauces and limited local produce (like asparagus) that go hand-in-hand with the ingredients for a summer barbecue. Prescott said that although the area still needs it, she has no aims to become a full-fledged grocer.

"We're just going focus on meat — that's what we're best at," she said. "We can't compete with Kroger or Meijer, but we can do something they can't by keeping our emphasis on quality and personal customer service."

Mert's Specialty Meats opened in fall 2011, six months after L&L store in Okemos closed. Prescott's husband, Mert, was the store's butcher, but after the store closed, they were at a loss for what to do next.

"We were wondering what we were going to do for work and where we were going to go for meat, so we

decided to open (Mert's)," Prescott said. "We developed a good following, and have been looking to open a new store since January. Our first thought was DeWitt, but nothing was available right now, so we thought the east side would be a great spot."

The building is a mixed-use development that opened two years ago by the **Gillespie Co.** Mert's closest neighbor will be the **Subway** that opened there in 2012. Mert's in Okemos has 13 employees, two of which will move to the Lansing store. She expects to hire more as the business grows. All of the meat will be cut at the Okemos location and driven to the Michigan Avenue store. Although Prescott's husband is retired, her son, Brandon, has learned how to cut meat and will run the back of the house while she runs the front.

"It's such a perfect location for us," she said "There's built-in traffic from Accident Fund, Sparrow Hospital and the Capitol nearby. We're hoping to increase business for all the other shops and businesses all around us."

Mert's Meats on the Avenue
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11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5:30 on Saturday-Sunday
mertsspecialitymeats.com,
(517) 483-2368

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floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.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.

Bird Watching Walk. Bird watching with a Capital Area Audubon guide. 8-9 a.m. FREE. Davis/Foster Perseve, Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

THEATER

"**Old Love.**" (See details Thursday, May 22.) 2 p.m. \$22/\$20 seniors and military/\$10 students. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

"**A Wrinkle in Time.**" (See details Thursday, May 22.) 2 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

Monday, May 26

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Pre-registration preferred. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's

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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.

EVENTS

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 Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 348-5728, cadl.org.

MUSIC

Open-Mic Blues Mondays. Solo, duo, band and spoken-word acts welcome. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE. Suits Tavern, 210 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 702-9150.

Tuesday, May 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

CAMW! Services Orientation. Introduction to Capital Area Michigan Works. 10-11:30 a.m. FREE. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St. Suite A, St. Johns. (989) 224-2000. camw.org.

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.

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 Library, 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.

Senior Brigade: Investment Fraud. Investment tips and tools. 10:30 a.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

H.E.R.O: Composting Basics. Home improvement class. Email bruce@glhc.org. 6 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980. glhc.org.

E-Pathways Information Meeting. Career transition program. 6-7 p.m. FREE. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. (517) 267-5452. epathways.org.

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.

EVENTS

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

LITERATURE-AND-POETRY

Tuesday Morning Book Club. Christina Baker Kline's "The Orphan Train." 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

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Wednesday, May 28

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

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.

Pure Michigan Talent Connect. Explore the useful links. 9:15-10:30 a.m. St. Johns Service Center, 101 W. Cass St. Suite A, St. Johns. camw.org.

Discussion. Malcolm X: His connection to Lansing civil rights. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. pilgrimucc.com.

Prayer and Meditation. Improve your skills. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434. pilgrimucc.com.

Cloud Storage. Learn the basics for online storage. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045.

EVENTS

Strategy Game Night. Learn and share favorite games. 5-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.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, Lansing. crisisrfg.com.

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

Senior Discovery Group. Coffee and conversations. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Investigative Interviewing. With Sheri Jones from WLNS. 5:30-8 p.m. \$45/\$30 GLPA Members and Students. Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe, 1601 W. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. glpa-michigan.org.

MUSIC

Ukulele Workshop. Learn to play the ukulele with Anna Zang. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, marshallmusic.com.

Samite of Uganda. Samite performs with 5th and 6th graders. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. elps.us.

THEATER

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WOK AND ROLL — Chinese cuisine. 3050 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing Suite 2A. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday. (517) 332-1811. TO, \$

XIAO CHINA GRILLE & LOUNGE — Asian fusion grill & sushi bar. 3415 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 580-3720, xiaochinagrille.com. FB, P, TO, OM, WiFi, \$\$\$

UPSCALE CUISINE

BISTRO 43 — Upscale dining inside the East Lansing Marriott Hotel. 200 M.A.C. Ave, East Lansing. 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-11 p.m. Saturday; 7 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. Sunday. (517) 337-4440. marriot.com/lanear. FB, RES, TO, WiFi, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

BORDEAUX-WINE FOOD SPIRITS — Restaurant/bar in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. Breakfast: 6:30-10 a.m.; Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner: 5-10 p.m.; Bar menu: 11 a.m.-midnight daily; (517) 323-4190. FB, TO, OM, RES, WiFi, \$\$\$

BRAVO! — Italian cuisine. 2970 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing Twp. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 485-3779, bravotitalian.com. FB, P, OM, TO, RES, WiFi \$\$\$

CAPITOL CITY GRILLE — Restaurant/bar in the Radisson Hotel Lansing. 111 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. daily. (517) 267-3459. FB, OM, RES, TO, WiFi, \$\$\$

CAPITAL PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD — Surf and turf fare with a jazz lounge. 2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 377-7463, capitalprimelansing.com. FB, P, OM, RES, TO, WiFi, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

COPPER DINE & DRINK — Public dining at Walnut Hills Country Club. 2874 E. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. (517) 332-1080, copperdine.com. OM, R, P, FB, WiFi, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

DUSTY'S CELLAR WINE BAR — Gourmet food with an extensive wine list. 1839 Grand River Ave., Okemos. Brunch: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; Lunch: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-

Saturday; Dinner: 3:30-9 p.m. Sunday, 4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. (517) 349-5150, dustyscellar.com. FB, OM, RES, P, TO, WiFi, \$\$\$

DUSTY'S TAP ROOM — Casual pub fare and draught beer. 1839 Grand River Ave., Okemos. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. (517) 853-8840, dustyscellar.com. FB, OM, TO, P, WiFi, \$\$-\$\$\$

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GILBERT AND BLAKE'S — Seafood dishes, steaks and pasta. 3554 Okemos Road, Okemos. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 349-1300, gilbertandblakes.com. FB, TO, RES, P, WiFi, \$\$\$

HUMMINGBIRD'S — Restaurant/bar in the Best Western Plus Lansing. 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 6:30-10 a.m. & 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 6:30-11 a.m. & 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (517) 694-8123. FB, P, TO, RES, WiFi, \$\$\$

KNIGHT CAP — Steaks, seasonal seafood and gourmet items. 320 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 5-11 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday. (517) 484-7676, thenightcap.com. FB, TO, OM, RES, P, \$\$\$

MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET — Fresh seafood and bar. 2975 Preyde Blvd., Lansing Charter Twp. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday. (517) 482-3474, mitchellsfishmarket.com. FB, P, TO, OM, RES, WiFi, \$\$\$

P SQUARED WINE BAR — Small food plates also available. 107 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 3-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m.-midnight Friday; 4 p.m.-midnight Saturday; closed Sunday. (517) 507-5074, p2winebar.com. FB, P, WB, OM, TO, RES, WiFi. \$\$-\$\$\$

PF CHANG'S — Pan-Asian cuisine. 2425 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing Twp. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. (517) 267-3833, pfchangs.com. OM, TO, RES, WiFi, \$\$-\$\$\$

RED CEDAR GRILL — Assorted American cuisine. 150 E. Grand River Ave, Williamston. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; (517) 655-3766. redcedargrill.com. FB, TO, OM, RES, WiFi, \$\$-\$\$\$

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THE STATE ROOM — Upscale cuisine, extensive wine list inside the Kellogg Center. 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing. 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4-9 p.m. Sunday; 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (517) 432-5049, stateoomrestaurant.com. OM, TO, FB, RES, WiFi, \$\$\$

STILLWATER GRILL — Surf and turf. 3544 Meridian Crossings Drive, Okemos. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 3-10 p.m. Saturday, 3-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 349-1500, stillwatergrill.com. FB, TO, OM, RES, P, WiFi, \$\$\$

TANNIN — All new Italian Restaurant. 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; Closed Mondays. (517) 575-6840, tanninofokemos.com. OM, FB, TO, WiFi, \$\$\$

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TAVERN 109 — Old-fashioned tavern with a bistro flare. 115 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. (517) 655-2100. tavern109.com OM, FB, RES, TO, WiFi \$-\$\$\$\$

TAVERN ON THE SQUARE — Small plates. 206 S. Washington Square, Lansing. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Friday; noon -2 a.m. Saturday-Sunday (517) 374-5555. tavernonthesq.com. FB, TO, RES, P, OM, WiFi, \$\$\$

TROPPO — Supper club setting. 111 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday, 4 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Dinner served beginning at 4 p.m. each day. Noon-8 p.m. Sunday. (517) 371-4000. troppo.org. FB, TO, OM, RES, P, WiFi, \$\$\$

WROUGHT IRON GRILL — From classic New York strip to coconut lobster. 317 S. Elm St. #201, Owosso. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. Closed on Monday. (989) 472-9025. wroughtirongrill.com. TO, OM, RES, FB, \$-\$\$\$\$

CASUAL FARE ALDACO'S AUTHENTIC MEXICO RESTAURANT — 6724 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. (517) 272-4600, aldacosauthenticmexican.com, TO, OM, D, RES, WiFi, \$\$

ALDACO'S TACO 911—Late night tacos. 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday; 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Thursday & Friday; 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Saturday, Closed Sunday-Tuesday. (517) 482-7911, WB, TO, P, \$\$

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THE AVENUE CAFE — Bar food, cocktails. 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 3 p.m.-2 a.m. daily. (517) 853-0550, facebook.com/avenuecafe2021. TO, FB, WiFi, \$

BAGGER DAVE'S — Burger tavern for families and friends. 1351 Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday & Monday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday. (517) 492-5052. FB, TO, OM, P, WiFi, \$\$

BEGGAR'S BANQUET — American cuisine. 218 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday & Saturday; 10 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Sunday. (517) 351-4540, beggarsbanquet.com. FB, WB, \$\$.

BELL'S GREEK PIZZA — Offers gluten-free pizza. 1135 E. Grand River, East Lansing. 10 a.m.-4 a.m. Monday-Sunday. (517) 332-0858, thebellspizza.com. D, TO, OM, P, WiFi, \$\$

BIG JOHN STEAK & ONION — Sub sandwiches at multiple locations. 748 N. Clippert St., Lansing. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday. (517) 203-0761; 4021

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CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILLE — Italian restaurant with seasonal specials. 6540 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (517) 323-8055, carrabas.com. FB, OM, TO, P, \$\$\$

WILLIAMSTON BUCKET BAR AND GRILLE — Traditional sports bar also serves breakfast. 132 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston. 11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday & Saturday; noon-2 a.m. Sunday. (517) 992-5060. RES, TO, P, WiFi, FB, \$\$\$

CENTER STAGE RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE — Burgers, pizza and steaks. 1785 W. State Road, Lansing. Noon - 8 p.m. Sunday; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. Friday - Saturday. (517) 482-2280. centerstagelansing.com. FB, TO, OM, RES, \$

CHIPOTLE — Burritos and tacos made-to-order. 2 locations. 539 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 333-3680. Also: 5330 W. Saginaw Hwy. Suite 208, Lansing. (517) 323-2069. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. chipotle.com. OM, TO, P, \$

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CLADDAGH IRISH PUB — 2900 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing Twp. 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday. (517) 484-2523. claddaghirishpubs.com, FB, RES, WB, OM, P, TO, \$-\$-\$-\$.

COACH'S PUB AND GRILL — Pool tables, volleyball courts and weekly trivia contests. 6201 Bishop Road, Lansing. 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; 12 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday. (517) 882-2013, coachspubandgrill.com, FB, TO, OM, WiFi, P \$\$\$

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