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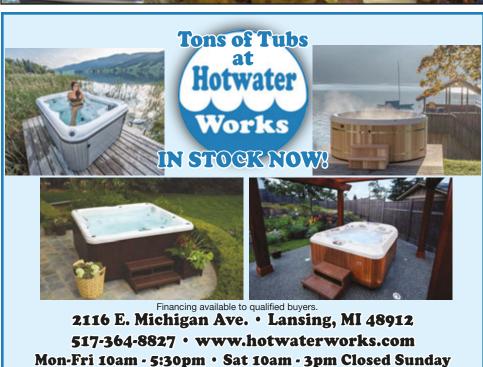
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Letters to the editor:

Don't forget Gretchen Driscoll

Thanks for the feature on Elissa Slotkin. I appears that she is highly qualified and in position to replace the invisible Mike Bishop. Congressional District 6 deserves more and better than absentee occupancy of the office.

Simultaneously, Gretchen Driscoll has become the obvious choice to remove Tim Walberg from his perch. Walberg's recent claims of opioid concerns and Facebook privacy all carry the disclosures of outside funding. Due to gerrymandering, Walberg shifted to safe territory of extremist views rather than serving all of his constituents. District 7 should have got the message when he established his office in Jackson, lacking access to the greater Lansing area constituents. Some are suggesting that sleeping on the couch in his office to save on federal spending might be his greatest achievement. The greater Lansing area needs leadership to provide solutions and support for addressing employment, poverty, aging and education, rather than the distortion of personal accomplishments that have not happened.

Finally, the Town Hall meetings need to have Congressmen that actually attend, receive and listen rather than structuring written responses, and engage in open debate. My observation that the facade of constituent service insults the voters. It remains that the ineptness is no longer acceptable. Mid-Michigan will change in November, thank-

John F. Greenslit Lansing

Brixie's land-use role disputed

It's important to note that Kyle Melinn's article on the local State Rep races (May 16) was not entirely correct when he said Julie Brixie (had) "experience ... in developing the first-ever local land use preservation program": in fact, the Land Use Preservation millage was placed on the ballot by the all-Republican Township Board in 2000 and championed, then steered, by the late, great Republican Clerk Mary Helmbrecht. The program was approved with 56 percent of the vote, so it's not surprising that a come-lately Democrat would then claim credit for this popular and effective program. Again, the true credit belongs to Mary Helmbrecht.

T.E. Klunzinger Haslett

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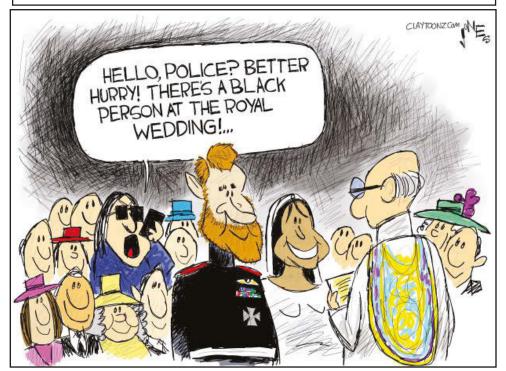
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An interview with Taste of Thai's head chef



By Lora Root

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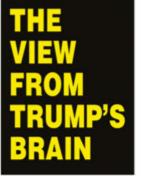
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PULSE MEWS & OPINION

Negative messages being tested in 8th



Watch out! The mud is going to fly in this emerging 8th Congressional District race.

A caller identifying herself as being from the "Bernett

Group" was conducting an extensive telephone survey last weekend in which she asked respondents to opine on various lines of attack that could be leveled at presumed

General Election candidates U.S. Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Elissa Slotkin, the leading Democratic candidate.

Before testing the various messages, however, the surveyor — who didn't disclose for whom the polling was being done — did ask respondents their thoughts on the other Democrat in the race, progressive Chris Smith of East Lansing, but not the other Republican in the race, Lokesh Kumar of Lansing.

For Bishop, the lines of attack included that:

 As a state legislator, Bishop took campaign contributions from Ambassador Bridge owner Matty Moroun and held up construction of a second bridge to Canada.

- He's taken tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry as he continued his support for slant drilling under the Great Lakes.
- He's taken campaign cash from the pharmaceutical industry and stood in the way, as a legislator, of ending Michigan's single-state drug immunity statute that bans civil suits against U.S. FDA-approved medicines that end up harming people.
- As a member of Congress he's been

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Tit for tat

Mayor, sheriff at odds over jail millage, city lockup

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor is giving the cold shoulder to the \$71 million millage proposal to build a new Ingham County jail that will be on the August ballot.

That's because Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth is saying no to the Schor administration's wish to have the county build and run the city's lockup facility to replace the aging jail in City

The future of the holding facility, along with the location of the courts, is delaying plans to sell the City Hall building for hotel development and move city operations elsewhere downtown. The courts are also housed in City Hall. Schor had been hoping to use some of the countywide millage money to offset the cost of building and staffing a new lockup.

In an email Wriggelsworth sent Ingham County commissioners last week, the sheriff characterized the proposal to have the county take over lockup operations as a win for the city but not for the county.

"I am NOT interested in taking over/contracting with the City of Lansing to run their detention facility 24/7/365," Wriggelsworth wrote. "All county law enforcement agencies have one they can use anytime they want — the Ingham County jail."

Asked for reaction, Schor said Sunday

that is "not getting involved" in the millage campaign, which will be on the Aug. 5 primary election. "I won't take an official position."

Wriggelsworth shot back, "Life's full of choices, he's making one."

Without Schor's support, the millage could face a uphill fight. Lansing represents more than half of the voting population of the county. Schor won the Mayor's Office in November with 12,407 votes to former City Councilwoman Judi Brown Clarke's 4,804 votes. He's widely seen as wielding a great deal of good will and political capital.

Third Ward Councilman Adam Hussain said he is unlikely to "knock doors" or use his political power base in the city's southwest side to push the millage.

"Probably not," he said when asked if he would work for the millage. He said he still wanted to better understand the full proposal, but if he were asked today to work for it, it would be unlikely to happen.

"No at this point," he said. "We need to figure out what the heck we're doing as a city, something that's practical."

Council President Carol Wood said she would work for the millage, while Council colleague Peter Spadafore said he hoped the city and county could find a mutual solution and avoid a fight.

The previous administration, led by Mayor Virg Bernero, announced plans a year ago to sell City Hall to a Chicagobased developer, Beitler Real Estate, who would repurpose it as a hotel. Under the Bernero plan, the city's main functions would move to the former Lansing State Journal building, on Lenawee Street. But the 54-A District Court, police administration offices and lockup facility were homeless under the plan.

As a result, Schor announced in March that the pending sale and development deal was on pause while he tried to work out a way to consolidate Lansing's 54-A and East Lansing's 54-B District courts as well as a lockup facility, possibly in an expanded Veterans Memorial Courthouse on Kalamazoo Street.

The city can house arrestees in the county jail in Mason, but Schor and Hussain, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, said doing so was untenable.

Driving arrestees to Mason would take the city's already reduced police staffing off the road for a significant amount of time, they said.

"We are struggling mightily with some of our own personnel issues to make sure there are enough officers on the road." Hussain said. "If you start taking officers off the road for 40 or 50 minutes at a time, that exacerbates everything we're already dealing with."

Wriggelsworth acknowledged this in his email to county elected leaders.

"I know the main downside is 'drive time' here, taking cops off the streets, OF THE WEEK



707 Prudden St. (Motor Wheel Lofts) Lansing

Despite its location between two major thoroughfares, this property is difficult to locate, as it sits well back from Oakland Avenue and above East Saginaw. Visitors taking a detour along Prudden Street will be rewarded with an attractive site, which is enjoying ongoing improvement.

Building construction was completed for the Prudden Wheel Co. in 1918. It is speculated that the building was designed by world renowned, Detroit-based architect Albert Kahn. The structure is clearly influenced by Kahn's factory innovations and his efforts to introduce daylight deep into buildings' interiors. The reinforced concrete frame, which is clearly expressed on the structure's exterior, accommodates beam wide spans and allows for larger fenestration sizes. In 1920, Prudden expanded and changed to the Motor Wheel Corp., from which the lofts take their name.

The "Flower Power" project currently underway is a joint effort of Motor Wheel Lofts, Spartan Lawn Care and H-Inc. This multiyear effort began at the northeast corner of the site and was extended west along Oakland last year. The project, which includes thousands of daylilies, continues this year on the sloped embankment at Saginaw. We look forward to seeing the plants mature and bloom over the course of this and successive seasons.

DANIEL E. BOLLMAN, AIA

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Congress

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virtually invisible in the district and been generally inaccessible to constituents.

For Sloktin, the lines of attack include that:

- She's the hand-picked plant of U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi who's never voted in the 8th Congressional District, let alone served in an official capacity here before.
- She's not committed to the district, because she and her husband don't own property in the 8th District and still keep a home in D.C. that they recently claimed a homestead exemption for.
- U.S. Sen. John McCain called her "totally unqualified" and questioned her ability to answer questions during a 2014 confirmation hearing in front of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, at which she was testifying as a principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security

affairs.

The lines of attack were equally strong between Bishop and Slotkin, so it's hard to say for whom the results are being given, whether it's from one of the campaigns, a caucus campaign committee or an interested third party.

Needless to say, the results of surveys like this will dictate the tenor of the mail, T.V. ads and radio ads we'll be experiencing in the months to come.

White House quotes Bishop

The day after President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of the Iran nuclear deal, the White House gave voice to more than 60 members of Congress, but only one from Michigan. Yup, it was Mike Bishop.

"This deal was flawed from the beginning, allowing Iran to continue their destabilizing activities in the region, all while sun-setting the nuclear prohibition provisions. I hope today's action will lead to a better, stronger agreement that will ensure security for our allies and stability in the Middle East."

The day before Slotkin, a former CIO official and acting assistant secretary of

defense, issued a statement on Iran in which she referenced her "first-hand" experience in seeing Iran's "underhanded behavior in the Middle East."

"I would have applauded additional agreements and addendums that built on top of the nuclear deal, and that dealt more firmly with Iran's ballistic missile program and systematic use of terrorism. There is certainly more work to be done on both scores," said Slotkin.

"But instead, the Administration let politics dictate national security. Instead of leveraging the President's threats to get additional agreements and concessions from Iran and the Europeans, he sent a team to sit on their hands and wasted leverage. And in one fell swoop, the US has made clear to both our friends and adversaries that a deal we sign isn't worth the paper it's written on"

Slotkin, Smith differ on guns

In the days following the Santa Fe High School shooting in Texas, it may be worth a reminder that Slotkin and Smith are not ideological soulmates when it comes to several issues, one of which is guns.

According to a local radio account, Smith said at a candidate forum in Hamburg Township earlier this spring that he would vote for a ban on private ownership of AR-15 assault rifles with some stipulations. Slotkin said she would not.

Movement In 7th District

Democratic congressional candidate Gretchen Driskell sent out a fundraising email this week declaring that her 7th Congressional District seat was one of 19 U.S. seats that moved a little further into the Democratic column, according to an Inside Elections analysis.

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg's district is still classified with U.S. Rep. Fred Upton's 6th District as "likely Republican," but trending Democratic. The 8th District is listed as "lean Republican" and the 11th Congressional District in Oakland and Wayne counties was the only Michigan seat to be declared a "toss up."

(Kyle Melinn, the news editor of the capital newsletter MIRS, is at melinnky @gmail.com.)

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especially in Lansing/East Lansing where they have too few cops as it is, legit concern," he wrote. "Other counties seem to utilize this option just fine."

Wriggelsworth said he would be open to Lansing's building and operating a day lockup facility, with prisoners being transported to Mason in the evenings. That would also mean that all arrestees on weekends, nights and holidays would have to be transported to Mason.

Hussain noted that on any given night no more than a dozen officers are patrolling the city, dashing from one priority call to another.

"We already are left in situations where

officers are responding to a major situation in one sector of the city, and that leaves the three others sectors without officers," he said. "That means things get missed, or left."

For instance, on Sunday around 3:45 a.m., the neighborhood at Pine and Saginaw streets erupted with gunfire. Schor said there were 10 calls to 9-1-1, but the first officers did not report on scene until eight minutes after the first call. By that time, a crowd of 25 to 30 party goers and a half dozen vehicles had left the scene. Officers found shell casings and talked to a resident in the 600 block of North Pine, but no arrests were made.

"We're hearing about this more and more and more," said Hussain.

The sheriff indicated in a phone interview he'd be willing to explore something

like an arrest bus to transport arrestees.

"That could reduce the amount of time officers are out of service," he noted. "They'd still have to wait until the prisoner was picked up, but they could get back in service faster."

Hussain said he would consider such an option, which he said was a new pro-

The county has used arrest buses in the past, but for special events such as parties at Michigan State University that have turned unruly or protests at the Capitol. Other communities use arrest vans to transport arrestees, keeping the officers on the streets rather than being tied up transporting them to a central facility.

Schor noted that Lansing is the only state capital that does not also double as the county seat. Because of that quirk, locating the county operations in Mason, 20 miles south of Lansing, has been an ongoing issue.

"Look, this is one piece of the puzzle that's off the table," Schor said. "We will look at what the other options are, and we will come back with something that will work best for the city and our residents."

- TODD HEYWOOD

Accused killer not cleared for trial

Larkin Neely Jr. still has not been cleared by psychiatrists to stand trial for allegedly killing a Lansing man a year ago.

Neely, 31, has been charged in the stabbing death of Kevin Wirth on May 21 last year. But 54-A District Judge Louise Alderson ruled on July 21 that Larkin was not competent to stand trial. That essentially means that due to a mental illness he would have been unable to fully understand the criminal justice process or assist in his own defense.

"On 4/19/18, the Certified Forensic Examiner assigned to Mr. Neely wrote to Judge DeLuca that, 'It is my opinion that Mr. Neely remains incompetent to stand trial. It is also my opinion that he can be restored to competency within the statutory timeline," wrote Scott Hughes a spokesman for the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office. He said that means the examiner believes Larkin will be ready to participate in a trial process by Oct. 21.

Wirth was found in his home with 22 stab wounds. He was gay, and the killing was originally thought to have been motivated by anti-gay bias. However, police have not been able to confirm a motive for the crime.

- TODD HEYWOOD

CITY OF LANSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10th Floor Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI for the purpose of considering:

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Schor's first budget

Code compliance, roads big winners; City Market loses

Unlike years past, when the budget process was fraught with name calling, veto threats and long meetings, the Lansing City Council Monday night unanimously approved Mayor Andy Schor's first budget proposal with a few tweaks.

Schor said afterward it was a "new day in Lansing" — the old day apparently being the 12 years of contention between Mayor Virg Bernero and a faction of the City Council that often came to a head over budget issues.

The complete budget of \$218.6 million was adopted with few changes, even though the budget differed little from what Bernero offered the year before.

The new budget, which takes effect July 1, includes a 4.9 percent boost in spending from the \$134.3 million General Fund — essentially, the city's operating budget. That included increased funding for code compliance positions, tax collectors and road and sidewalk repair.

City Market funds cut

If there was controversy, it was over the fate of the City Market. Even there, the executive and legislative branches found a compromise.

Last week, Council was making noise that it would eliminate the \$80,000 subsidy to the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority for the flagging City Market. Schor had raised the spectre of a veto if that happened.

Instead, the Council and the mayor settled on a 50 percent cut. The \$40,000 removed from the City Market subsidy was transferred to code compliance. There it will be combined with \$20,000 transferred from a vacant Lansing Fire Department assistant chief salary and an estimated

\$10,000 increase in fee revenue from the new officer.

That funding will create a new full-time compliance officer whose sole job will be enforcing city ordinances regarding businesses such as signs, grass and other outside issues.

"I've heard at the doors and during the campaign that this is something the residents want," Fourth Ward Councilman Brian Jackson said Sunday.

The budget also includes funding to convert two part-time code compliance positions to full time. That will result in a full-time compliance officer in all four wards of the city, as well as seasonal premise inspectors.

"This is a priority for the Council," said First Ward City Councilwoman Jody Washington. She had been pushing to gut the City Market subsidy completely, but she called the compromise "a good solution."

But as a result of the move, the market will close sometime in September or October, Schor said Monday evening.

"I am not sure when, that will be up to Scott Keith to figure out how long the partial subsidy will carry the market for," he said, referring to the head of LEPFA. "But we will come back with an assessment on the building and a plan to make it work."

Most of the market's half dozen or so vendors are on monthly leases with LEPFA. That means the city can end their occupancy with just 30 days' notice. But as City Pulse reported last week, the Waterfront Bar and Grill is on a three-year lease, although the bar contends the lease automatically renews every three years. City officials don't agree and gave the bar notice May 1 that effective July 1 its lease was up and would not be renewed.

Road spending up

The budget also will see an extra expenditure of \$400,000 for roads and sidewalks, in addition to the city roads millage and federal and state dollars.

"While the state and federal governments have continually underfunded all local governments in their infrastructure needs, Lansing needs to prioritize the funding that we do receive to have the greatest impact for our residents and visitors," said Schor. "I am happy that the recommended \$400,000 from the General Fund for road repair remained in the budget, making this the first time in four years that the City of Lansing will allocate General Fund dollars for road repair."

While the budgeted amounts will not replace or repair all the sidewalks and roads in the city, it will begin the process of improving the city's crumbling infrastructure. Schor has acknowledged in community meetings that it will take years to bring the road conditions up.

Taxes, parking & trash bags

Since taking office, Schor has raised concerns about \$7.5 million in city income tax that has not been paid over the years. To address that, the city's Treasury Department will bring in two new employees focused on collecting overdue income taxes.

"People choose to live or work in the city of Lansing, and we want them to, so we're going to do everything we can to keep them here," Schor said in April. "If you live here, you're paying 1 percent in income tax. If you work here, you're paying a half percent. One percent on a \$40,000 job is what? It's \$400. Half percent on a \$40,000 job is \$200. We're not asking for half your salary. It's \$200 on a \$40,000 job towards your eight hours of your day having police protection and fire protection, utilities and

services."

Parking at the city's four parking ramps will see a boost in hourly, daily and monthly rates. The hourly rate at three of the ramps, Townsend as well as the North and South Capitol facilities, will see a 20-cent hourly increase, while the ramp on Grand Avenue will see a 50-cent increase. The daily maximum for the first three ramps will increase from \$10 a day to \$12.50 a day, while the Grand Avenue ramp will see that daily maximum top out at \$15 a day, up from \$10.

That's all necessary to finance a five-year \$10,679,000 "extreme makeover" of the city's lots. That money will fund new citation and ticketing systems as well as physical and equipment upgrades, according to a copy of a powerpoint presented to the General Services Committee of Council on May 15.

"There are some really exciting things happening with the parking system," Peter Spadafore, who chairs the Council's General Services Committee, told the Council Monday night.

In addition, residents will pay \$1.25 more for a roll of five city refuse bags.

Individual bags will see a 25-cent increase, while trash carts will see increases as well. The smallest cart will see a \$2 hike to \$42 a month, while the other four cart sizes will see a \$1 a month rate increase. The city's recycling fee will double as well, from \$5 to \$10.

-TODD HEYWOOD STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

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Rental gun measure makes progress in Senate

State Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, is working with gun rights advocates to finalize legislation to regulate firearm rentals in the state.

The effort results from the theft of a rental gun in March from the shooting range at Total Firearms, in Holt, that was later used in murder-suicide, police said.

Jones said gun-rights advocates were concerned an early version of his legislation would stop those learning how to use a gun from renting. Under Jones' first legislative draft, people seeking to rent a gun would have been required to have a concealed carry permit, a permit to purchase a gun or an instant background check.

"They said that would leave out a lot of people who are just learning and don't yet own a gun," Jones said. "So I am adding a provision which would require the shooting range to have a range safety officer on duty and in control at all times."

The move comes after Lansing Township Police alleged that on March 26, Timothy Olin, 30, stole a rental gun from Total Firearms in Mason. He allegedly used the weapon to murder his ex-girlfriend, Rachel Duncan, 25, inside the JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts store on Saginaw Highway before killing himself.

An investigation by City Pulse in April found that range officers at the Total Firearms indoor range were inattentive. A lawyer for the company said at the time that the business was taking additional steps to increase security at the range and store, although he declined to discuss those actions on the record, citing concerns about revealing the security measures. City Pulse agreed not to publish those details.

The rental issue was identified by state lawmakers right after the killing as a "loop-

hole" in need of fixing. State Rep. Robert Wittenberg, D-Huntington Woods, introduced legislation in the State House May 3. The legislation would require renters to undergo an instant background check before renting a gun.

"The rules for renting a firearm should mirror the rules for buying one. You need a criminal background check to buy them from a federally licensed dealer in Michigan, so you should need that to rent one, too," Wittenberg said in press release. "That's not the case right now, and it creates a dangerous loophole that has already led to tragic consequences. We need to pass this legislation immediately to prevent criminals from taking advantage of this loophole again."

- TODD HEYWOOD



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In the Matter of: Red Cedar River Intercounty Drain

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

(In accordance with P.A. 40, of 1956, as amended)

Notice is Hereby Given that on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, and the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl, Mason, Michigan 48854, the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, and the Office of the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner, 149 Corunna Avenue L-1, Corunna, Michigan 48817. At that time and at those places, the Drain Commissioners will hear the proofs and allegations and carefully reconsider and review the description of lands within their respective counties comprising the Drainage District for the Red Cedar River Intercounty Drain, and determine whether the addition or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Intercounty Drain and is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of 1956 PA 40, as amended. The Drain Commissioners will also review the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes. The Drain is located and established in the following municipalities, and a general description of the lands proposed to be added or deleted, in whole or in part, include the following:

Ingham County:

 $Leroy \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 3, \ 4, \ 5, \ 8, \ 9, \ 10, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 34, \ 35, \ and \ 36 \\ Locke \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 16, \ 17, \ 18, \ 19, \ 20, \ 21, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 28, \ 29, \ 30, \ 31, \ 32, \ 33, \ 34, \ 35, \ and \ 36 \\ Locke \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 16, \ 17, \ 18, \ 19, \ 20, \ 21, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 28, \ 29, \ 30, \ 31, \ 32, \ 33, \ 34, \ 35, \ and \ 36 \\ Locke \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 16, \ 17, \ 18, \ 19, \ 20, \ 21, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 28, \ 29, \ 30, \ 31, \ 32, \ 33, \ 34, \ 35, \ and \ 36 \\ Locke \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 16, \ 17, \ 18, \ 19, \ 20, \ 21, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 28, \ 29, \ 30, \ 31, \ 32, \ 33, \ 34, \ 35, \ and \ 36 \\ Locke \ Township \ Sections \ 1, \ 2, \ 11, \ 12, \ 13, \ 14, \ 15, \ 16, \ 17, \ 18, \ 19, \ 20, \ 21, \ 22, \ 23, \ 24, \ 25, \ 26, \ 27, \ 28, \ 29, \ 30, \ 31, \ 32, \ 33, \ 34, \ 35, \ 3$

Stockbridge Township Sections 1 and 2

Village of Webberville (Entire Village)
White Oak Township Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36

Williamstown Township Sections 12, 13, 24, and 25

Livingston County:

Cohoctah Township Section 31 Conway Township Sections 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 Handy Township (Entire Township)

Howell Township Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33

losco Township (Entire Township)
Marion Township Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34

Putnam Township Sections 4 and 6

Unadilla Township Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Village of Fowlerville (Entire Village)

Antrim Township Sections 30, 31, and 32 Shiawassee County:

Perry Township Section 36

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, and Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the Drainage District available to review. Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If Drain assessments are to be collected in installments, they may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time to avoid further interest charges. A map of the proposed Drainage District boundary revisions may be found at the County Drain Commissioners' Offices or their web sites (dr.ingham. org, www.livgov.com/drain, and www.shiawassee.net/Drain-Commissioner)

The entities to be assessed at large are as follows:

Ingham County, Leroy Township, Locke Township, Stockbridge Township, Village of Webberville, White Oak Township, and Williamstown Township; and

Livingston County, Cohoctah Township, Conway Township, Handy Township, Howell Township, Iosco Township, Marion Township, Putnam Township, Unadilla Township, and Village of Fowlerville; and

Shiawassee County, Antrim Township, and Perry Township; and

State of Michigan Department of Transportation.

A description of the land constituting the special assessment district, as currently proposed, for the Red Cedar River Intercounty Drain is as follows:

Leroy Township, Ingham County – T3N-R2E Section 1 through Section 4; In Section 5 - E ½; In Section 8 - N ½ of NE ¼, and N ½ of SE ¼ of NE ¼; In Section 9 - N ½ of the NW ¼, and N ¼ of S ¼ of NW ¼; In Section 10 - N ¾, S ½ of SE ¼, and S ½ of SW ¼ Except land S of I-96; Section 11 through Section 14; In Section 15 - E ¼, and NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ½; In Section 15 - E ¼, and NE ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ½; In Section 15 - E ¼, and NE ¼ of NW ½ of SE ½; In Section 15 - E ½, and NE ½ of NW ½ of SE ½ Except M-52 ROW; Section 15 - E ½ through Section 15 - E ½, and NE ½ of NW ½ of SE ½; In Section 15 - E ½, and NE ½ of NW ½ of SE ½ Except M-52 ROW; Section 15 - E ½ through Section 15 - E ½, and NE ½ of NW ½ of SE ½ Except M-52 ROW; Section 15 - E ½ through Section 15 - E ½ throug Section 27 - E 3/4, and E 1/2 of W 1/2 of SW 1/4; Section 34 through Section 36.

Locke Township, Ingham County - T4N-R2E

Section 1; In Section 2 – SE 5 ac of SE ½; In Section 11 – SE ½; Section 12; Section 14 Except the NW ½; In Section 15 – SE ½, and SE 5 acres of SE ½ of NE ½; In Section 16 – S ¾ of SW ½, SW ¼ of SW ½ of SE ½, and W 300' of NW ½ of SW ½ of SE ½; In Section 17 – SE ½, S ½ of SW ½, and SE ½ of SE ½ of NE ½ of SW ½; Section 18 through Section 29; In Section 30 – N ½, NE ½ of fractional SW ½, NW ½ of NW ½ of SE ½, and SE ½ of SE ½ of SE ½ of SE ½ of NE ½, and SE ½ of NE ½; Section 32 Except W ¾ of W ½ of SW ½; Section 33 through Section 36.

Stockbridge Township, Ingham County - T1N-R2E

In Section 1 – N ½ of fractional NE ¼; N ½ of SE ¼ of fractional NE ¼; N ½ of fractional NW ¼; N ½ of SE ¼ of fractional NW ¼; In Section 2 – NE 2 ac of NE ¼ of fractional NE ¼.

Village of Webberville, Ingham County

All tracts or parcels of land and all public highways and streets within the Village of Webberville.

White Oak Township, Ingham County - T2N-R2E

Section 1 through Section 3; In Section 4 – E ½ of SE ¼, and E 200' of SW ¼ of SE ½; In Section 9 – N ¾ of E ½, E ½ of W ½ of NE ¼, NE ¼ of SE ¼, and NE ¼ of SE ¼; Section 10 through Section 14; In Section 15 – E ¾; In Section 22 – E ½, and NE 5 ac of NE ¼ of SW ¼; Section 23 through Section 26; In Section 27 – E ½, and SE 5 ac of SE ¼ of SW ¼; In Section 34 – NE ¼, NE ¼ of NW ¼, and E ½ of E ½ of SE ¼; In Section 35 – N ½, SE ¼, and N ¾ of SW ¼; Section 36.

Williamstown Township, Ingham County – T4N-R1E In Section 12 – S 33' of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S 33' of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 13 – E $\frac{3}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 25 – N $\frac{3}{4}$ of E $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 25 – N $\frac{3}{4}$ of E $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Cohoctah Township, Livingston County - T4N-R4E

In Section 31 – SW 1/4, and W 1/4 of SE 1/2

Conway Township, Livingston County – T4N-R3E In Section 6 – N ½ Except SE ¼ of NE ¼, W ½ of SW ¼, and N ½ of NE ¼ of SW ¼; In Section 7 – NW ¼ of fractional NW ¼; In Section 19 – S ½, S ½ of NE ¼, NE ¼ of NE ¼, SE 5 ac of NW ¼ of NE ¼, and S ½ of NW ¼; Section 20 Except N ½ of NE ¼ of NE ¼; In Section 21 – S ½, S ½ of SE ¼ of NW ¼, SW ¼ of NW ¼, and S ¼ of NE ½; In Section 22 – W ½, W ½ of SW ¼ of NE ¼, W ½ of SE ¼, and W 300' of E ½ of SE ½; In Section 26 – SW ¼ of SW ¼, and W 100' of NW ¼ of SW ¼; Section 27 through Section 34; In Section 35 – W ½, SE ¼, S ½ of NE ¼, SW ¼ of NE ¼, and SW ¼ of NW ¼ of NE ¼; In Section 36 – SW ¼, S ½ of SE ¼, and SW ¼ of NW ¼ of SE ¼.

Handy Township, Livingston County - T3N-R3E

All tracts or parcels of land and all public highways and streets within Handy Township.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing

- 1. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Rite Aid of Michigan, Inc. for Special Use Permit approval for the property at 1399 East Grand River Avenue. The applicant is requesting approval to allow for the sale of packaged liquor under a Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) liquor license. The property is located in the B-2, Retail Sales Business zoning district.
- 2. A public hearing will be held to consider a Site Plan application from Michigan State Medical Society for the property at 120 West Saginaw Street, to increase the parking lot spaces from 100 to 142 by extending the lot northerly and westerly to ten feet from the property line. The property is located in the B-1, General Office Business zoning 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.

> Jennifer Shuster City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

- 1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Hesperian Building Association, for the property at 810 W. Grand River Avenue, to replace windows throughout the structure.
- 2. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Mark Hentemann, for the property at 427 Grove $\rm St.$, to replace all windows and frames on the
- 3. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Nancy Cuddeback, for the property at 720 Ann Street, to replace 3 wood windows with aluminum

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

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Howell Township, Livingston County – T3N-R4E In Section 6 – W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$; In Section 7 – W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{2}$, and NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Except E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{2}$; Section 18 through Section 19; Section 20 Except NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$, in Section 21 – SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$; In Section 18 through Section 19; Section 20 Except NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$; In Section 21 – SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$; In Section 27 – W 50' of NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW 1/4; In Section 28 – S 1/2, S 1/2 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 on NE 1/4, and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4; Section 29 through Section 32; In Section 33 – W 1/2, W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4.

Iosco Township, Livingston County - T2N-R3E

All tracts or parcels of land and all public highways and streets within losco Township.

Marion Township, Livingston County – T2N-R4E In Section 4 – SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW fractional $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 5 through Section 9; In Section 10 – SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 15 – W $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 16 through Section 21; In Section 22 – W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 26 – W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW 5 ac of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW 5 ac of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 27 – W $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 28 through Section 30; In Section 31 – W $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 34 – N $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, and NW 5 ac of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4.

Putnam Township, Livingston County – T1N-R4E

In Section 4 – N ½ of fractional NW ¼, and W ¼ of NW ¼ of fractional NE ¼; In Section 6 – W ½ of fractional NW ¼, N ½ of NE ¼ of fractional NW ¼, and N ¼ of NW ¼ of fractional SW ¼.

Unadilla Township, Livingston County - T1N-R3E

In Section 1 – N ½, N ½ of SW ¼, W ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼, E ½ of N ½ of NW ¼ of SE ¼, and N ¼ of NE ¼ of SE ¼; In Section 2 – N ½, N ½ of SE ¼, SE ¼ of SE ¼, N ½ of SW ¼, and N ½ of NW ¼ of NW ¼; In Section 3 – N ½, SE ¼, NE ¼ of SW ¼, and N ¼ of SW ¼; In Section 4 – N ½, NE ¼ of SE ¼, NW ¼ of SW ¼, and N ¼ of SW ¼; In Section 5 – N 34, and N ½ of S ¼; In Section 6 – NE ¼, N ½ of SE ¼, N ¼ of SE ¼ of SE ¼, and E ½ of NW fractional ¼.

Village of Fowlerville, Livingston CountyAll tracts or parcels of land and all public highways and streets within the Village of Fowlerville.

Antrim Township, Shiawassee County – T5N-R3E In Section 30 – S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, In Section 31 – S $\frac{3}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; In Section 32 – W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Perry Township, Shiawassee County - T5N-R2E

In Section 36 – E $\frac{1}{4}$, SE 5 ac of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner at (517) 546-0040, the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner at (989) 743-2398, or the Michigan Relay Center at 711 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

You are Further Notified that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioners to add or delete property to or from a Drainage District may seek judicial review in their respective County Circuit Court within ten (10) days of the decision; and persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioners with regard to the apportionment of benefits for assessment purposes may appeal to their respective County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

May 1, 2018

Patrick E. Lindemann Ingham County Drain Commissioner

Brian Jonckheere Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Anthony Newman Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner

Gordon Wenk Director of Agriculture and Rural Development By: Brady Harrington, P.E., Deputy for the Director P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 (517) 284-5623

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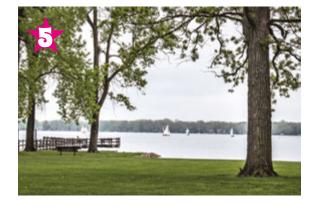
TEN THINGS TO LOWE











Summer is almost upon us. The weather is warming up and the grass is getting greener.

That means more things to do in the greater Lansing area. Enjoy the beautiful local natural spots Michigan has to offer, or check out some of these hidden gems that you might not know about.

There is a lot to do in the area, but here are ten to start you out this summer.

1. Kayaking the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers

Stop driving around and take some time to explore the Greater Lansing area in a new way, via water or bicycle paths. The Grand River and Red Cedar River are great places to check out since the weather is warming up and lucky for us, the rivers move along the city of Lansing and surrounding areas. Don't have a bike or a kayak? Don't worry, there are a lot of places in the area that have bike and kayak rentals, like River Town Adventures, which has kayak, canoe, paddle board and bike rentals available. It's open this summer seven days a week from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., with extended hours becoming available in June.

Kayak/Bike rentals
River Town Adventures
325 City Market Dr., Lansing
www.rivertownadventures.com/

2. Learning at Impression 5's FLOW exhibit

Impression 5's newest exhibit, FLOW, explores the physical dynamics of water, provides an excellent learning experience for children and, by its very nature, offers some much needed relief from the heat. Numerous interactive installations are dotted around a fountain which is equipped with a flywheel that powers a two-story geyser. After splashing around with FLOW, you'll be able to check out the rest of the museum.

Impression 5
Tues-Sat, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun, noon to 5 p.m.
200 Museum Dr., Lansing
(517) 485-8116
www.impression5.org
\$8.50 for adults, children under 2,
\$7 for seniors and military (including family members)

3. Taking a stroll along the River Trail

With over 20 miles of paved trail that passes through numerous parks, the Lansing River Trail is a must this summer. The trail itself stretches from Waverly Road to Old Town and from Potter Park there is a way to head towards Michigan State University. This trail closely follows parts of the Grand and Red Cedar rivers where you can explore Lansing and surrounding cities in a new way. Stop at the parks or even at a local business along the way — just make sure to check out the website for any flooding along the path.

Lansing River Trail 325 City Market Dr., Lansing www.lansingrivertrail.org/

4. Screaming for ice cream and other sweets

Feel like ice cream and other sweets? Check out Park Lake Creamery, a local ice cream and chocolate factory. This business is dedicated to creating and serving premium ice cream, gourmet coffee and artisan chocolates. Starting this summer Park Lake Creamery will be hosting a cookout every month and because the business is right on the lake there will be peddle boat, kayak, canoe and paddle board rentals available for the summer months. In a few weeks there will also be a pontoon boat and people can pay to get a ride around the lake. There is seating available inside and outside, where there is a small lake and nearby park. It is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., with extended hours coming for the summer months.

Park Lake Creamery 6320 Park Lake Road, Bath Township www.mastersofconfection.com/pages/parklake-creamery



5. Soaking in summer at Lake Lansing

On the shore of the largest body of water within 30 miles of Lansing, Lake Lansing Park South is the place to go this summer if you want to cool off. Visit the little sandy beach and green fields for a day of picnicking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, horseshoes and boating. Don't have a boat? Don't worry, there are pedal boats available to rent at the park for \$6 per 1/2 hour. There is a vehicle entrance fee to enter the park, \$3 for Ingham county residents and \$5 for non-residents. The vehicles can't enter the park until 8 a.m., but pedestrian access opens a half hour before sunrise. The park closes 30 minutes after sunset, unless otherwise posted by the park.

Lake Lansing Park South 1621 Pike Street, Haslett www.pk.ingham.org/Parks/ LakeLansingParkSouth.aspx

6. Noticing small details and art at LCC

Take a walk through the beautiful campus of Lansing Community College and check out its new clock tower, built last summer. The clock tower replaced an old air ventilation shaft at the downtown campus' southern entrance near the intersection of Shiawassee Street and Washington Avenue. There are also many small details throughout the campus, all there because of LCC President Brent Knight. When walking around the campus, look down and notice small leaf prints on the sidewalk or find statues and art at every turn. Take a seat and relax at the Guitar Plaza where music often plays softly.

Lansing Community College 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing www.lcc.edu

7. Hiking and swimming at Hawk Island

The newest of all Ingham County Parks, Hawk Island has grown into one of the best outdoor destinations in south Lansing. Though Hawk Island has activities year-round, summertime truly brings it to life. Hawk Island is packaged with activities to either bask in the sun's heat, or to catch a merciful break from it. The 100-acre park boasts nature trails (for both walkers and bicyclists), rowboats, pedal boats, volleyball, the Soldan Dog Park, a boardwalk with a fishing dock and, of course, the beach and splash pad.

Hawk Island Park
1601 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing
Mon-Sun, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
\$3 for residents, \$5 for non
(517) 676-2233
www.pk.ingham.org/Parks/
HawkIsland.aspx



8. Getting lost in nature

Harris Nature Center is a part of Meridian Riverfront Park where there are trails to explore and wildlife to find. Take a walk down Beech Tree Loop and White Spruce Loop to look at the wildflowers that are in bloom right now. Parts of the trails are along the Red Cedar River so watch out for mud or flooding. The trails are open from dawn until dusk, while the Nature Center building hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. There are many programs going on this summer at the center, like Howl at the Moon, which is a \$3 per person night walk that happens every month on the Friday closest to the full moon.

Harris Nature Center/Meridian Riverfront Park 3998 Van Atta Rd., Okemos www.meridian.mi.us/visitors/ hidden-gems/visit-harris-nature-center

9. Drinking with zoo animals

Potter Park Zoo is offering visitors the rare opportunity to finally drink alcohol at a zoo without being told "We're going to have to ask to you leave," or "Sir, you are disturbing the children." Zoo Brew is a recurring event that features live entertainment such as '80s pop cover band Starfarm. To complement the beer, a cookout dinner will be served. And how could anyone forget all the beautiful animals? Zoo Brew has three dates: June 28, July 26 and Aug. 30.

Potter Park Zoo 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. 21+ \$5 in advance, \$7 at the gate (517) 483-4222 www.potterparkzoo.org

10. Visiting the Ledges

The nature trails at Fitzgerald Park, or simply the Ledges, weave around ancient sedimentary rock outcroppings that are a sight to behold. It's a park 300 million years in the making. But there's more than just hiking. This site offers: picnicking, two softball diamonds, a volleyball court, basketball court, two horseshoe pits, playground, disc golf course, nature center, two-miles of cross-country ski trails, sledding hill and canoeing/kayaking down the Grand River.

The Ledges at Fitzgerald Park
133 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge
www.eatoncounty.org/
departments/parks-department
(517) 627-7351
Daily pass \$3 for resident, \$5 for non-residents











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JUNE 1 >> MARGARITA FESTIVAL

Michigan's first ever Margarita Festival is a five-hour event dedicated to finding out which local establishment has the Best Margarita. Participants are the judges, enjoying up to 15 margarita samples from area bars and restaurants. The winner will be announced in our June 6 issue of City Pulse. Must be 21 and over to attend event. Advanced general admission tickets are available now at \$25. 5-10 p.m. Lansing Center's riverfront plaza, Lansing. (517) 371-5600 www.lansingcitypulse.com

JUNE 2 >> BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN

It's only a dollar to become a tour-

ist in your own town. The one dollar passport grants you free admission to over 90 local attractions and hot spots. Explore Lansing and East Lansing like never before and enjoy unique tours, fun activities and one-day discounts. You can pick up \$1 passports throughout May and there will be passports available on the day of the festival. Collect stamps on the passport and be entered in a prize drawing. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call or see the web for participating locations and passport selling locations. (517) 487-6800, www.lansing.org/BATYOT

JUNE 2-3 >> RIVERBANK TRADITIONAL POW WOW

Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow comes to Adado Riverfront Park June 2 and 3. This event features a variety of activities involving Native American culture, including crafts, performances and food. See the website for schedule. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 721-1502, www.nativeamericanacc.org

JUNE 14-16 >> LANSING JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The annual festival celebrates the end of slavery in the U.S. and has grown into a weeklong celebration of African American culture, including live music and dance, children's activities and a commemorative baseball game. See the website for schedule and locations. FREE. (517) 394-6900 www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org

JUNE 15-16 >> MICHIGAN PRIDE MARCH, RALLY AND FESTIVAL

Michigan Pride will hold its annual celebration of the spectrum again this year. The Pride Parade will take the same path as last year, starting at Adado Riverfront Park and ending with a rally at the steps of the Capitol building. Starfarm was rained out last year for its performance, but the band will be back again to close out the festival. \$10 wristband for festival. Noon-10 p.m. Old Town, Lansing.

www.facebook.com/pg/MichiganPride/

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JUNE 16 >> LANSING BEER FEST

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July 26-29 >> "The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents" Directed by Sadonna Croff. More details to come as date approaches.

MSU SUMMER CIRCLE THEATRE All performances are free and happen in MSU's Summer Circle Courtyard, located on Auditorium Road between the Auditorium Building and the Kresge Art Center. Shows begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Free parking is available in the lot across from the Auditorium Building. In case of rain, shows move to Fairchild Theatre. For more info visit: www. theatre.msu.edu

June 6-9>> "Amour" A family-friendly French musical adapted to English by Jeremy Sams from "Le Passe-Muraille," by Marcel Aymé.

June 8-9, June 15-16 >> "Love & Other Junk" The world premiere of the family friendly musical. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

June 13-16 >> "Sense and Sensibility" A comedic play based on the iconic Jane Austen novel, appropriate for all ages.

June 20-23 >> "Significant Other" An adult comedy laced with profanity.

June 15-16, June 22-23 >> "Smudge" A dark comedy targeted toward an adult audience. Begins at 10 p.m.

June 22 >> Summer Circle KIDS CAMP Summer Circle Theatre hosts its third annual free summer kids camp for 60 first through sixth grade Mid-Michigan students. The camp is taught by MSU Department of Theatre faculty and undergraduate and graduate students, teaching kids in acting, design, music and dance. The camp concludes with a free public performance June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

AUG. 16-18 >> RENEGADE THEATRE FESTIVAL Lansing's multivenue theater festival showcases a weekend of performances, ranging from comedy to drama and improvisation. The festival is celebrating its "Lucky 13" and will focus on artistic recognition within the greater Lansing area. Schedule to be announced. Free to attend. renegadetheatrefestival.org.

LCC SUMMER STAGE UNDER THE STARS 2018 LCC's annual free performing arts festival features music, theatre and dance presented at LCC's outdoor stage and in Dart Auditorium. All performances begin at 7 p.m. and take place on the outdoor stage unless otherwise noted. (517) 483-1488, www.lcc.edu/showinfo

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Fresh eyeballs: Broad Art Lab's 'Mining the Collection'

Putting old friends in a new light

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Zdddrinnggggg! You could walk into the MSU Broad Museum's new space across Grand River Avenue, the Art Lab, with your eyes closed last week and still get the message loud and clear.

After the lab's ribbon cutting Thursday, a white-gloved docent squeezed the flexible columns of sculptor Harry Bertoia's beryllium chimes — a signature piece of the old Kresge Art Museum, supplanted in 2012 by the Broad. She gently released her grip and let the metallic echoes tintinnabulate around the room.

The museum's largely unseen "historic collection" of 8,000 works of art from past centuries and far-flung cultures, or at least a fraction of it, is back.

The sound was music to the ears of art lovers who miss the Kresge, but the Broad's Art Lab will not be a static exhibition space where the same objects will gather dust indefinitely.

In 1992, multiethnic American artist Fred Wilson jolted the museum world by mixing elegant 19th-century objects (fine tableware, fancy chairs and the like) with slave chains and whipping posts at the Maryland Historical Society museum.

Wilson's "Mining the Museum" set a standard for re-casting established collections in a new light. His "curatorial interventions" inspired the inaugural exhibit at MSU's Art Lab — a lively bouquet of 30 works from the historic collection, curated by 11 art students with a wide variety of tastes, backgrounds and interests.

"The collection has to be contemporary, even if it's from the Medieval or Renaissance period," Broad Museum director Marc-Olivier Wahler said. "The challenge is to show it so it speaks to us."

Azya Moore, a studio art major with a minor in museum studies, chose the most arresting piece in the room — a semi-abstract fantasia of female anatomy, dispersed into a disturbing and beautiful ar-

ray of colors and shapes on a huge canvas that dominates the rear wall of the exhibit.

Moore chose American Abstract Expressionist Grace Hartigan's "Interrelations" to make a strong statement about the ongoing struggles of female artists.

"She went by the name George for much of her career to avoid discrimination," Moore said.

Moore also chose a richly ornamented sculpture that rises like a tower of humanity over the room, Yoruba master carver Obembe Alaye's "Veranda Post: Equestrian and Female Caryatid."

of artwork to be within a place with other artworks, as fine art," Moore said. "Go to certain museums and it might be sectioned off as African art, but it doesn't need to be categorized. It can stand across from a painting, or among other sculptures, and be looked at as the same."

Moore also chose an evocative piece of sculpture — a battered lunchbox inside of a birdcage — by Detroit artist Tyree Guyton, famous for his



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"Interrelations," by Grace Hartigan.

Heidelberg Project.

"His work is relevant to today," Moore said. "Being a black man in America, he went off to war, fighting for rights he didn't have in his own country. It speaks to what is going on now, even though it was made so long ago."

Choosing the art, and writing the texts on the wall next to them, was a challenge for Moore and the other student curators. "Now you need to think about — how does someone who doesn't know art relate to this?" Moore said. "You have to be mindful of writing shorter sentences while getting your idea across."

The result is an exhibit that is accessible to people who wouldn't know a curatorial intervention from a janitorial one. Thanks to the fresh eyeballs and enthusiasm of students like Moore, walking through "Mining the Collection" feels less like a trying exercise in dodging jargon and more like having 11 interesting people grab you by the collar and say, "Look at this."

Wahler was surprised at some of the art the students chose.

"They chose some works I didn't even know," he said. "You have 8,000 objects, so even most of what I have seen, I have seen in pictures, because everything is crated. An exhibition is very important because it allows us to go deep in our collection."

Although a spirit of experimentation permeates the Art Lab, some of its goals are more straightforward. The crating of the Kresge collection in 2012 left a residue of bad feeling in the community and didn't help the Broad's controversial building and contemporary art mission go down any easier with some folks in the art community's old guard.

Wahler said he hoped the new space "could attract again people who have been a little bit bitter about having donated work to the Kresge and then learning their donation is going into storage, which I understand. If I were in that situation — you donate works to a museum and then suddenly your own museum doesn't physically exist."

Wahler also hopes that by infiltrating the commercial strip along Grand River across from the Broad Museum, the lab will draw more people into the orbit of



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"Veranda Post: Equestrian and Female Caryatid," by Obembe Alaye.



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Lansing's open mic community

Aspiring local songwriter Matthew Shannon gave himself one rule when he

started performing weekly at open mic night at Lansing's Blue Owl: "I had to have at least one new song to premier each time

I played. Since I started going there, I've written 26 new songs."

Local open mic performances are foundational for artists looking to perform in a laid-back setting. Musicians play in front of relatively small crowds with minimal sound setup, providing for a quieter, more intimate feeling.

Lansing and East Lansing have a range of open mic events. Michigan State students can perform or attend the biweekly University Activity Board's open mic at the Union on campus. The Avenue Cafe in Lansing does open mic on the third Thursday of every month. Blue Owl Coffee in REO Town has open mic every Monday night. Moriarty's Pub in Lansing hosts one every Wednesday

Shannon, 32, of Grand Ledge, has been at it for over a decade.

"About 12 years ago, I used to perform at Magdalena's Teahouse regularly when it was still open," Shannon said. "Once departing from my last band, Off the Ledge in June 2017, I decided to give a solo career an honest try."

Shannon credits Blue Owl Coffee for starting him on a path of regular open mic performances.

"I began attending the Monday open mic night at Blue Owl Coffee in REO Town, hosted by the wonderfully talented Tania Howard, on a semiweekly basis," Shannon said.

-Mike Bass, 34, of Lansing, uses open mic performances to perfect his music.

"My advice to any beginner open mic performer is something I discuss with musician friends all the time: Don't wait for a song to be perfect," Bass said.



Bass performing at Blue Owl Coffee.

Lansing's range of open mic experiences has established an open, supportive and creative field for local musicians.

"We're all trying to lift each other up," Bass said "I've met some of my closest musician friends there. It's also very songwriter focused, so you'll see a lot of people testing out new material there."

Mimi Fisher, 28, hosts open mic at the Avenue Cafe. A Lansing native, Fisher gets to witness community members pursuing their creative outlets.

"Open mic is a platform that gives locals a chance to showcase their talents, whether they have been performing for years, or doing something new they want to try out," Fisher said.

"Any advice I would give is just be aware of what you want to perform, the venue you're performing at and the audience you're performing for," Fisher said. "Some environments are better for poetry, comedy, etc. and others, for music."

This article was contributed to City Pulse by MSU's Spartan Newsroom.

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art, and across the street, into the museum itself.

"If we're going to be a bridge from the campus to the community, we need the other end of the bridge," he said. "The museum can be intimidating to some people, so what we really want is for people to enter this new space, almost randomly. 'Oh, there's a wine bar here? An art workshop? Great."

The Broad Museum itself, positioned on the north edge of campus, was supposed to be that bridge, but the hermetic stainless steel trapezoid has proven to be more alluring to international architecture tourists than people walking down the street. The storefront accessibility of Art Lab may change some of that. Besides, where else can you grab some Taco Bell food and check out an ancient Greek kylix on the same block?

"Even if they are intimidated by contemporary art — which I totally understand — they can see a mummy case from the ninth century B.C., a fantastic work from the 20th century, and then cross the street," Wahler said, breaking into an impish grin.

"Just be careful walking across."



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"Lunch Break," by Tyree Guyton.



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Recognizing connections between the celebrated authors small but highly respected St. Paul, Minne-

By BILL CASTANIER

Authors Tom Wolfe and Tim O'Brien shared several things in common. Both won the National Book Award, both were purveyors of the English language, both are revered by literature professors and both liked to wear a hat.

The sartorial Wolfe, often seen in full-peacock splendor dressed in all white, preferred a formal topper, while the more casual O'Brien is

seldom seen without his signature baseball cap. Both authors are slim and boy-like in their appearance had a unique ability to listen and fit in.

Most notably, Wolfe embedded himself



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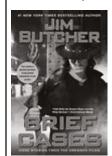
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in 1964 with Ken Kesey and his group of Merry Pranksters as they traveled a drug-infused circuitous route to the 1964 World's Fair in New York in his psychedelic bus named "Furthur." In 1968, Wolfe's masterpiece of New Journalism, "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test," which documented the trip, was published to great acclaim - especially among college students.

In 1968, author O'Brien found himself as a young draftee on another trip, "embedded" in the hot Vietnam drug-infused jungle as a combat soldier. He would use that experience as the basis for six books including the memoir published in 1973, "If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up & Ship Me Home."

O'Brien replicates Wolfe's melodious descriptions of the Pranksters, not only when he writes about the absurdity of combat, but when recollecting more mundane occurrences like receiving watermelon, sparklers for the Fourth of July, or colored eggs for Easter. One line, "zapped while zipping" tells

Wolfe, 88, who wrote 17 fiction and nonfiction books, most notably the "Right Stuff," "Bonfire of the Vanities" and "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test," died May 14. With his heavenly bespoke white suit, he'll fit right in.

O'Brien, 72, who is still earning his way into writers' heaven, passed through East Lansing this week. He was in town to accept the Mark Twain Award — not to be confused with the Mark Twain Prize — from the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature. The award is given annually by the group to a writer who represents the ideals of the Midwest in his writing.

Michigan State University professor David Anderson helped found the group 48 years ago to give Midwestern writers their due.

Six of O'Brien's books have settings that include the Midwest, where he was born and raised. He was a graduate of Macalester, the

sota, liberal arts college. Following his Vietnam service, he graduated from Harvard.

In his acceptance speech, O'Brien told the assembled educators that he always thought he was "the reverse of funny."

"I'm grim and sober," he said. "Most writers feel a bit besieged. Classrooms across America are talking about us," O'Brien said.

He went on to explain and discredit a strongly held belief that fiction writers are hiding behind their fiction.

"The fictional characters who inhabit my stories are Tim O'Brien no more than I am endorsing war because I write about war. I'm doing the reverse," he said.

One of O'Brien's novels, "The Things They Carried," a series of short interconnected stories, is often used as a teaching novel on how to write war stories.

The ambiguity of a single line, "how to tell a true war story," is the key to understanding how O'Brien writes about a war that has haunted him his entire adult life.

O'Brien believes that when writing about war, "story truth is emotional truth, and fiction or happening truth is sometimes truer."

O'Brien was a consultant on the Ken Burns/Lynn Novick documentary, "The Vietnam War," which he thinks overall is an important piece in understanding the history of the war.

However, he also believes the documentary, a 10-part, 17-hour behemoth, is "too un-

He explained over lunch that the documentary may not have done enough to show that the war was a failed action. He also thought that using the song "America the Beautiful," which Burns has used in all of his documentaries, was a bit over the top.

"Brotherhood? Give me a break. We killed 3 million Vietnamese," he said. At the end of documentary, O'Brien gets the last words: "they endured."

O'Brien has uniformly been against the war, even going as far to criticize the fascination with POW/MIAs. It's unlikely you will



ever see O'Brien wearing a baseball cap with the words "Vietnam Veteran" on the band. At the luncheon he wore a cap with "Hendrix" printed on it. "Not Jimi," he explained, but the name of a small college where a friend of his teaches.

Following the luncheon, O'Brien sat in a on a panel discussion where three academics read papers analyzing his novels. The papers had titles like "The Orphic Quest of the Narrator in Tim O'Brien's 'The Things They

He quietly took in both their criticisms and accolades about "The Things They Carried," a book The New York Times called "one of the finest books, fact or fiction, written about the war."

But in his sweater, T-shirt and bleached jeans, O'Brien looked like he was ready to go

City Pulse Book Club to meet at LCC in June

The City Pulse Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 6, to discuss "Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit" — 50 years to the day after RFK died after being shot by an assassin the day before.

The meeting has been moved to Lansing Community College in the Grand River Room, which is on the first floor of the Gannon Building, next door to the parking ramp on Grand Avenue and across from Adado Riverfront Park. The get-together starts at 7 p.m.

"I look forward to leading this meeting because I was fortunate enough to meet Kennedy and, sadly, to attend his funeral and burial," said City Pulse editor and publisher Berl Schwartz. "He was my

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The club, which was organized by City Pulse book editor Bill Castanier, is reading a different book each month either about 1968 or published in 1968.

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By SKYLER ASHLEY

Festival season is kicking off in Lansing with the Cristo Rey Fiesta.

Cristo Rey Fiesta

May 25-27 \$5 after 5 p.m. Begins 4 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday Cristo Rey Church Grounds 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing Cristo Rey Church is hosting its annual three-day fiesta, a celebration of Mexican culture that invites people to enjoy dancing, live music and all the homemade food

one could possibly eat.

Cristo Rey Fiesta has been a staple for the church and its community for nearly four decades. It began as a way to celebrate the area's rich cultural identity and has since attracted many traveling visitors. Cristo Rey Fiesta is one of the largest Latino events in Mid-Michigan, attracting 20,000 people over the course of its three-day lineup.

Attendees will be treated to authentic Mexican folkloric dancing, as well as dancing in the evenings to live Tejano and Salsa Merengue bands. Performers include Los Danzantes de Tonantzin, Gabriel Burciaga y los Bad Boyz, Ballet Maria Luz, Kick It Out Dance Studio, Fantasia Ballet Folklorico, Allegria, La Corporacion Alma Musical, DJ Fred and the Tejano Sound Band.

Guillermo Lopez has been involved in organizing the fiesta since 1986, helping build the fundraiser's celebrated legacy.

"It's lot of work from the parishioners. And it was not only a fundraiser, but also a place where people come and congregate, talk to each other, once a year," Lopez said. "It's a way for the church and the community to come together. If you look at it, it really starts the Lansing festival season to some degree."

There will also be the "mercado," a traditional vendors' area offering costumes and arts and crafts from the various Latin countries represented by the fiesta.

As assured by Lopez, an impressive platter of home cooked meals will be prepared

"There's gorditas, there's fajitas, barbacoa, tacos and menudo. We have nachos, tacos, fruit cups, snow cones and different Mexican drinks," Lopez said. "We also have, for those who might want it, pizza and stuff like that. But mostly it's traditional Mexican fare."

Lopez said first timers to the fiesta will feel right at home.

"It's a lot of fun, really. You come in and you see the fantastic decorations and hear the music, starting Friday with Mariachi and Aztec-based dancers. It's a happy time here. The food, the music, the drinks, friendships, everything."

Cristo Rey Fiesta also holds a silent raffle, and proceeds benefit programs for youth and senior citizens, education, food banks, family outreach and several other charitable causes.

Jonesin' Crossword By Matt Jones "So I Heard"--honestly, it could go either way **Across** 1 Fake name 6 Beige-y tone 9 Cut down, as a photo 13 Lundgren of "The Expendables" 23 _ polloi (general population) 15 States of mind 16 Log-rolling contest that sounds like a cowboy contest 17 Cardiologist's test, for short 18 "Downton 19 QUIP INSPIRED CONTROVERSY, PART 1 22 It may oscillate 23 32,000 ounces 24 Impertinence with an apostrophe 25 QUIP, PART 2 31 Mel in three World 32 Completely mess 62 Comedians Carvey 33 18-wheeler

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Brezsny

May 23-29, 2018

Aries (March 21-April 19) The Aries poet Anna KamieÐska described the process of writing as akin to "the backbreaking work of hacking a footpath, as in a coal mine in total darkness, beneath the earth." Whether or not you're a writer, I'm guessing that your life might have felt like that recently. Your progress has been slow and the mood has been dense and the light has been dim. That's the tough news. The good news is that I suspect you will soon be blessed with flashes of illumination and a semi-divine intervention or two. After that, your work will proceed with more ease. The mood will be softer and brighter.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Do you know what you are worth? Have you compiled a realistic assessment of your talents, powers, and capacities? Not what your friends and enemies think you're worth, nor the authority figures you deal with, nor the bad listeners who act like they've figured out the game of life. When I ask you if you have an objective understanding of your real value, Taurus, I'm not referring to what your illusions or fears or wishes might tell you. I'm talking about an honest, accurate appraisal of the gifts you have to offer the world. If you do indeed possess this insight, hallelujah and congratulations! If you don't, the coming weeks will be an excellent time to work on

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Now is a favorable time to worship at the shrine of your own intuition. It's a ripe moment to boost your faith in your intuition's wild and holy powers. To an extraordinary degree, you can harness this alternate mode of intelligence to gather insights that are beyond the power of your rational mind to access by itself. So be bold about calling on your gut wisdom. Gemini. Use it to track down the tricky, elusive truths that have previously been unavailable to you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) "A poem is never finished; it is only abandoned." wrote poet W. H. Auden, paraphrasing poet Paul Valéry. I think the same can be said about many other kinds of work. We may wish we could continue tinkering and refining forever so as to bring a beloved project to a state of absolute perfection. But what's more likely is that it will always fall at least a bit short of that ideal. It will never be totally polished and complete to our satisfaction. And we've got to accept that. I suggest you meditate on these ideas in the coming weeks, Cancerian. Paradoxically, they may help you be content with how you finish up the current phase of your beloved project.

Leo (July 23-August 22) I highly recommend that you spend the next three weeks hanging out on a beach every day, dividing your time between playing games with friends, sipping cool drinks, reading books vou've always wanted to read, and floating dreamily in warm water. To indulge in this relaxing extravaganza would be in maximum alignment with the current cosmic rhythms. If you can't manage such a luxurious break from routine, please at least give vourself the gift of some other form of recreation that will renew and refresh you all the way down to the core of your destiny. Virgo (August 23-September 22) Contemporaries of the ancient Greek philosopher Pythagoras told colorful stories about the man. Some believed he was the son of a god and that one of his thighs was made of gold. When he crossed the Casas River, numerous witnesses testified that the river called out his name and welcomed him. Once a snake bit him, but he suffered no injury, and killed the snake by biting it in return. On another occasion, Pythagoras supposedly coaxed a dangerous bear to stop committing violent acts. These are the kinds of legends I expect you to spread about yourself in the coming days, Virgo. It's time to boost your reputation to a higher level.

Libra (September 23-October 22) My counsel may seem extreme, but I really think you should avoid mildness and meekness and modesty. For the immediate future, you have a mandate to roar and cavort and exult. It's your sacred duty to be daring and experimental and exploratory. The cosmos and I want to enjoy the show as you act like you have the right to express your soul's code with brazen confidence and unabashed freedom. The cosmos and I want to squeal with joy as you reveal raw truths in the most emotionally intelligent ways

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) French novelist Honore Balzac periodically endured intense outbreaks of creativity. "Sometimes it seems that my brain is on fire," he testified after a 26-day spell when he never left his writing room. I'm not predicting anything quite as manic as that for you, Scorpio. But I do suspect you will soon be blessed (and maybe a tiny bit cursed) by a prolonged bout of fervent inspiration. To ensure that you make the best use of this challenging gift, get clear about how you want it to work for you. Don't let it boss you. Be its boss.

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Capricorn (December 22-January 19)Every human being I've ever known, me included, has to wage a continuous struggle between these pairs of opposites: 1. bad habits that waste their vitality and good habits that harness their vitality; 2. demoralizing addictions that keep them enslaved to the past and invigorating addictions that inspire them to create their best possible future. How's your own struggle going? I suspect you're in the midst of a turning point. Here's a tip that could prove useful: Feeding the good habits and invigorating addictions may cause the bad habits and demoralizing addictions to lose some of their power

Aquarius (January 20- February 18) "Some books seem like a key to unfamiliar rooms in one's own castle " said. author Franz Kafka. I suspect this idea will be especially relevant to you in the coming weeks, Aquarius. And more than that: In addition to books, other influences may also serve as keys to unfamiliar rooms in your inner castle. Certain people, for instance, may do and say things that give you access to secrets you've been keeping from yourself. A new song or natural wonderland may open doors to understandings that will transform your relationship with yourself. To prep you for these epiphanies, I'll ask you to imagine having a dream at night in which you're wandering through a house you know very well. But this time, you discover there's a whole new wing of the place that you never

Pisces (February 19-March 20) Just for now, let's say it's fine to fuel yourself with comfort food and sweet diversions. Let's proceed on the hypothesis that the guardians of your future want you to treat yourself like a beloved animal who needs extra love and attention. So go right ahead and spend a whole day (or two) in bed reading and ruminating and listening to soulbeguiling music. Take a tour through your favorite memories. Move extra slowly. Do whatever makes you feel most stable and secure. Imagine you're like a battery in the process of getting recharged.



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Fri.., May 25

KARI HOLMES AT TEQUILA COWBOY

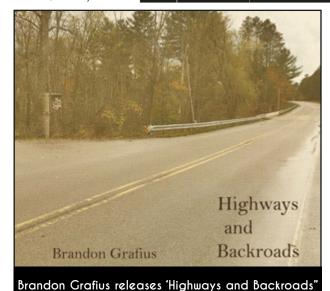


Friday, May 25 @ Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. 21+, FREE, 8 p.m.

Kari Holmes, a Lansing native but frequent traveler to Nashville, headlines Friday at Tequila Cowboy-the country-western themed venue located the Lansing Mall. Holmes has created some buzz after releasing her 2016 debut modern-country disc, the six-song "Something New" EP. The moody-pop single "More from Me" was released to mainstream country radio and instantly made the top 200 on Music Row. Prior to that, she issued a single track, "Nothing I Can Do" in 2012 — her catalog is available via iTunes. Holmes is a lead vocalist who not only pens her own tunes, but also plays rhythm guitar, banjo and mandolin. Her contemporary sound has been likened to Shania Twain, Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood. Along with her musical partner and husband, William Shadrick - who released his own full-length "Whirlwind of Emotion" the pair has racked up over 12,000 radio plays and toured steadily.

Thur., May 31

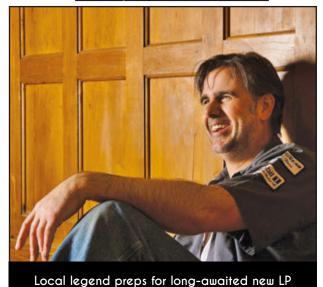
BRANDON GRAFIUS AT ROBIN THEATRE



Thursday, May 31 @ The Robin Theatre, 1105 S Washington Ave, Lansing. All ages, \$15, 7 p.m.

Holt-based Americana artist Brandon Grafius celebrates the release of his second album, "Highways and Backroads," Thursday at The Robin Theatre. Grafius will be backed by a cast of local musicians, including guitarists Dave Ludington and Monte Pride, bassist Pat Hudson and pianist Tom Ryberg. Felllow local musician Cindy McElroy opens the show. The new "Highways and Backroads" LP was inspired by traveling and destinations like Sleeping Bear Dunes and the Manistee River. According to Grafius, the LP explores not only "the journey of a life," but also offers "why some places aren't right for us while others feel like home." Grafius, a father of two, is known not only for his mellow baritone voice and storytelling lyrics, but also his finger-picked guitar licks that echo old-school Delta blues, country and folk.

WALLY PLEASANT RAISING FUNDS KICKSTARTER



Visit Kickstarter.com search "Happy Hour by Wally Pleasant" to donate.

Photo Credit: Nicole Rico

Lansing indie-rock legend Wally Pleasant hasn't released an album in 14 years, but that may soon change. The "anti-folk" singer-songwriter is raising funds (and offering prizes) via Kickstarter.com to help fund the production of his upcoming seventh vinyl LP, "Happy Hour." A portion of the funds will go to producer Jim Diamond, a Lansingarea native best known for his work on the early White Stripes recordings. According to the Kickstarter page (which wraps up this weekend), the new disc "details the dark side of small town life" and will be rooted in '60s and '70s country music. Since the '90s, Pleasant's signature stripped-down, acoustically-driven tunes earned him fans far beyond his launching pad of East Lansing. From politically-inspired ballads to witty ditties about life as a broke college student, his signature Phil Ochs-meets-Jonathan Richman brand of songwriting has long earned him fans across the country.



| DESTINATION | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave. | Service Industry Night | Dance Party | Free Show | Free Show |
| Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave. | | Karaoke, 9 p.m. | Karaoke, 9 p.m. | Karaoke, 9 p.m. |
| Coach's, 6201 Bishop Road | DJ Trivia | | Live Music | DJ |
| Esquire, 1250 Turner St. | Karaoke, 9 p.m. | | | |
| The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave. | The Good Cookies, 8 p.m. | Mike Skory & Friends Open Mic, 8:30 p.m. | Summer of Sol | The Rotations |
| Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave. | Johnny D Blues Night | Karaoke | Soul Play | Icy Dicey |
| Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E Shiawassee St. | | | The Chris Canas Band, 8pm | Alex Mendenall, 7pm |
| The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave. | | Paddlebots & Tell Yo Mama, 8pm | Past Tense, 8pm | Juggalo Prom, 7pm |
| The Unicorn, 327 Cesar E Chavez Ave. | | | | |
| UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St. | | Jazz Thursdays with Happenstance, 7pm | Organissmo, 8pm | |
| Watershed Tavern and Grill, 5965 Marsh Rd. | | | Capital City DJ's | Capital City DJ's |
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THEATER

OUT OF ORBIT. From 8 to 10 p.m. Ticket prices vary from \$19 to \$32. Discounts available to Seniors (65+), members of the Military, Students and Groups of 10 or more.. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Williamston. 517-655-SHOW

EVENTS

GRASSROOTS PHILOSOPHY. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Freel. Kelly's Downtown, 220 S. Washington Square Lansing. (517) 487-3322.

LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER. From 12 to 1 p.m. suggested donations of \$3.00. If you are age 59 and under, there is a charge of \$5.75 (this is not a suggested donation). Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

ARTS

BALLROOM LESSONS (WALTZ). From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$42 per couple \$21 individual. Jackson School of the Arts, 634 N.

Wechanic St. Jackson. (517) 784-2389.

Friday, May 25

MUSIC

TGIF PRE MEMORIAL DAY ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL DANCE PARTY FRIDAY 5/25/18. From 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$15 includes complimentary dance lesson & buffet. Hawk Hollow Golf Course, 15101 Chandler Rd. Bath. (517) 641-4295.

Saturday, May 26

MUSIC

THE DJCLARINET COMBO AT ROMA'S BACK DOOR. From 7 to 9 p.m. free. Romas Back Door, 200 Comstock St. Owosso.

THEATER

OUT OF ORBIT. From 3 to 5 p.m. Ticket prices vary from \$19 to \$29. Discounts available to Seniors (65+), members of the Military, Students and Groups of 10 or more.. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Williamston. 517-655-SHOW.

EVENTS

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W Grand River Okemos. 517-233-1524.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, & SUNDAY, MAY 27 >> POP-UP PADDLEBOARD YOGA

Come test out your sea legs and discover an amazing new workout experience through paddle-boarding. Each 30-minute board rental is packaged with an intro to paddle-boarding class. When you paddle with Prerana Yoga, a portion of your class fees go to protecting local freshwater resources. First come first served. Sunday's class will take place at 11 a.m. at the MSU Sailing Center, 5918 Shaw St., Haslett. See website for tickets.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Rivertown Adventures, 325 City Market Dr., Lansing www.preranayoga.com



TUESDAY, MAY 29 >> THE POETRY ROOM OPEN MIC: THE CLASSICS

The Poetry Room will be taking a short summer break, but not before having one last show. The featured artist, Natasha T. Miller, is an up and coming poet who was featured on the Button Poetry YouTube channel, where her original work garnered 800,000 views.

Donations preferred. 7:30 p.m.

The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, www.therobintheatre.com



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Sunday, May 27

CLASSES-AND-SEMINARS

BASIC ELECTRONICS. From 1 to 3 p.m. Cost: tinkrLAB Members - \$20.00

SATURDAY, MAY 26 >> JUGGALO PROM AT THE LOFT

Whoop whoop! Fans of Michigan's own Insane Clown Posse, colloquially known as Juggalos, are invited to a concert and dance party in celebration of the group's unique music. Performers include Gravebirth, Bobby Knucklez, Flesh N Blood and Godz of Kaos. Who will be crowned Lansing's Juggalo Prom King and Prom Queen? It could be you!

7 p.m. 18+

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing www.theloftlansing.com

MONDAY, MAY 28 >> MEMORIAL DAY WORKOUT & BBQ

State of Fitness is hosting a Memorial Day party free and open to all members and guests. After a hearty working out enjoy a complimentary grill out.

Free. 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

State of Fitness, 2655 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing www.mystateoffitness.com (517) 708–8828

Not Yet Members - \$30.00. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W Grand River Okemos. 517-233-1524.

JUGGLING. From 2 to 4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St. East Lansing.

MUSIC

DJCLARINET LIVE AT WILLIAMSTON FARMERS' MARKET. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. free. Williamston Farmers' Market, 200 N. Putnam St. Williamston.

THEATER

OUT OF ORBIT. From 2 to 4 p.m. Ticket prices vary from \$19 to \$32. Discounts available to Seniors (65+), members of the Military, Students and Groups of 10 or more.. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Williamston. 517-655-SHOW.

Tuesday, May 29

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JAZZ TUESDAYS AT MORIARTY'S. From 7 to 10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-5287.

TUESDAY IS BLUES-DAY AT URBANBEAT. From 7 to 10 p.m. UrbanBeat Event Center, 1213 Turner St. Lansing.

EVENTS

TUESDAY GAMES. From 1 to 4 p.m. Euchre, Free Bridge, \$1 - \$2 per person. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos.

Wednesday, May 30

EVENTS

VOTING- MAKE IT A HABIT. From 10 a.m. to noon Free. Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E Kalamazoo St. Lansing.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 >> MEDUSA AT SIR PIZZA

Endless pizza and the classic rock 'n' roll group Medusa are being served up Saturday at Sir Pizza in Old Town Lansing.

7 p.m.

Sir Pizza Grand Cafe Old Town, 201 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing www.sirpizza-mi.com/old-town (517) 484-4825





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Back of House: Taste of Thai

By MEGAN WESTERS

The greater Lansing area is quite diverse, so it's no surprise you'll find great authentic ethnic food throughout the region. What is surprising, however, is when those ethnic cultures combine to create something great.

At Taste of Thai, two cultures have joined forces in an unexpected way — making this

Taste of Thai

Mon-Thurs, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fri, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, noon. to 10 p.m. Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. 2838 E. Grand River Avenue Suite 2, East Lansing (517) 324-0225 www tasteoffhaiel com

restaurant a cult favorite for those who know about it, and a gem waiting to be discovered for those who don't.

A l t h o u g h Taste of Thai has

been open for 18 years, this family-owned restaurant has a new look, a new feel and

a new location, thanks to the second and third-generation owners.

We have renovated and done everything to this building, from the wall paper to making the tables," said Bea Middleton, third-generation owner of Taste of Thai. According to Bea Middleton, Taste of Thai's old location, which was next to the Quality Dairy on Grand River Avenue, was not only quite small, seating only 28 people, it was not functional for the demand of its customers.

"We've been here now for five months, and we love it. The old location was a really, really small space," she explained.

The new space is impressive with its plentiful seating and decor, much of which was either brought over from Thailand or made by the owners. But what keeps customers coming back is the authentic, yet unique, menu, prepared by Taste of Thai's head chef, Arturo Vanegas.

"He is the one who has worked here since he was 15 years old," explained Boonyada Middleton, second-generation owner of Taste of Thai.

Now 33 years old, Mexican-American Arturo Vanegas, started out his career at the restaurant doing dishes. He slowly moved up the ranks, under the supervision and approval of the first-generation owners,



Megan Westers/City Pulse

(Left to right) Taste of Thai co-owner Boonyada Middleton, head chef Arturo Vanegas and co-owner Bea Middleton.

and eventually jumped from doing dishes to prepping food and now is head chef.

"I love cooking," said Vanegas, adding that Boonyada Middleton, "his boss," wants him to pass down his knowledge to other chefs.

"It's hard for me because they will never do it the way I like to do it," he said.

Vanegas learned much of his cooking

techniques and recipes from the multiple generations of owners that he has worked under over the years.

"Once a year I go back to Thailand and I cook on the streets," Boonyada Middleton said, referring to street food vendors in Thailand.

"I cook for 12 hours a day for 15 days for free. I cook and I get the experience. I take those recipes and I teach him," she said.

Both Boonyada and Bea Middleton stressed the importance of using fresh ingredients in their food. One way that they follow through on that is where they source their ingredients from.

"We work with a couple in Mason, they are also Thai. They have a garden and they grow Thai Chili peppers for us," said Boonyada.

They also grow other herbs and spices for them, such as lemongrass. The freshness of the ingredients can actually lead to inconsistencies in the dishes, according to the Middleton's.

"We always recommend that our guests get the least amount of spice if they aren't

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Thai

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sure. Our peppers are fresh, and it can depend week by week how spicy our sauces are. Some batches of peppers can be spicier than others. But it's all organic and we don't use any GMOs or anything like that," said Bea Middleton.

While Vanegas hasn't made the trip to Thailand himself yet, both Boonyada and

Bea agree that he has mastered the Thai cuisine, and learns very fast when introduced to new dishes. Aside from being a great Thai cook, another asset Vanegas brings to his job is his Mexican heritage.

"We actually have elements from different cultures integrated in with our traditional Thai food now, and some of that comes from his Mexican heritage," said Bea Middleton.

Taste of Thai's original menu was quite small, offering Thai food staples like Drunken Noodles, Pad Thai and larb. But as the years have progressed and new ownership has influenced the menu, these three have created a Thai fusion of sorts, integrating elements from Japanese food (sushi, fish, avocado, etc.) and Mexican food (spicy Mexican sauces, and a Mexican shrimp salad dish), while still upholding traditional, authentic Thai recipes and fla-

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"But we also still have lots of traditional Thai food as well. We put in a lot of little touches, but we don't tell our customers. We know it's good, and our customers like it. As long as they like it, that's good

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A drastic improvement in the decor of Taste of Thai at its new location.









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