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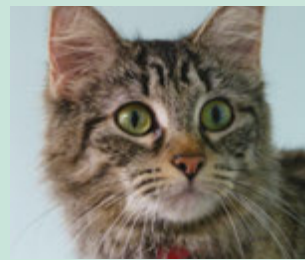
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NOTICE OF HEARING
FILES NO.16-830-GA
AND 16-831-CA**

In the matter of Daisy Maloney
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 08/04/16 at 2:30 PM, at 313 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933 before Judge Garcia for the following purposes: Hearing to Appoint a Guardian and a Conservator.
Attention: James Moore, William Maloney, Jr., Harold Maloney, Arthur Maloney, Robert Maloney, Nancy Maloney, and Pat Maloney. Pat Morris has been nominated as guardian and conservator for your mother Daisy Maloney. If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you participate fully in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Date: 07/07/2016
Gene Mellen,
5303 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911
517-887-9575 **CP#16-167**

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• Fax: (517) 371-5800
- 2.) Write a guest column:**
Contact Berl Schwartz for more information: publisher@lansingcitypulse.com or (517) 999-5061

(Please include your name, address and telephone number so we can reach you. Keep letters to 250 words or fewer. City Pulse reserves the right to edit letters and columns.)

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New book explores C.S. Mott's Flint estate

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PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ASSET AND MAINTENANCE MANagements SYSTEM

The City of East Lansing is seeking vendors to provide services and software for the development of the Asset and Maintenance Management System for the Department of Public Works.

Vendors interested in providing such services should contact the City of East Lansing Department of Public Works, for information regarding the project and a copy of the materials and procedures for submitting a Proposal. Contact Dena Fitzgerald, GIS Analyst (dfitzge@cityofeastlansing.com) or by calling (517) 337-9459.

Proposals will be due at 11:00 AM, Friday, August 12, 2016.

CP#16-168

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST IN MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Brett Dreyfus, CMMC
Meridian Township Clerk
CP#16-162

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Adopted: 06-21-16
Effective: 07-13-16

CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDINANCE NO. 1374

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 2-84a TO DIVISION 2 - CODE OF ETHICS - OF ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - OF CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION - OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING.

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Section 2-84a is hereby added to Division 2 of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of East Lansing to read as follows:

Sec. 2-84a. Conflicts of interest in contracts supported by a Federal award prohibited.

(a) Personal conflicts. No employee, officer, or agent shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the City of East Lansing must neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts.

(b) Organizational conflicts. No contract supported by a Federal award shall be entered into with any affiliate of the City of East Lansing, that is not a local governmental entity, in which it appears that, due to the nature of the affiliation, the City of East Lansing is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving the related organization unless an exception has been granted by the awarding Federal agency.

(c) Any alleged violations of this section shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-86 of this Chapter.

CP#16-164

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

HELLO, PROFESSOR! WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?

WELL, BILLY--YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT THERE'S A LOT OF **TURMOIL** IN THE WORLD LATELY...

TERRORISM, ENDLESS WARS, MASS SHOOTINGS, GLOBAL WARMING, RISING NATIONALISM, THE BREXIT, ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY, POLICE KILLING CIVILIANS, LUNATICS KILLING POLICE--

--AND A NOT-INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF AMERICANS READY TO VOTE FOR **DONALD TRUMP** IN NOVEMBER.

HOWEVER--ACCORDING TO MY COMPUTATIONS, NONE OF THIS IS **REALLY** HAPPENING! RATHER, WE ARE **CHARACTERS** IN SOME SORT OF HEAVY-HANDED **POLITICAL SATIRE** CREATED BY AN AUTHOR ON A HIGHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE--THE "REAL WORLD," IF YOU WILL.

CONSIDER: IF THESE EVENTS WERE **GENUINE**, THE ONLY CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT WE ARE TOO STUPID AS A SPECIES TO **SURVIVE!** WHY WOULD WE REFUSE TO ADDRESS UNDERLYING PROBLEMS LIKE RACISM, OR GUNS, OR CLIMATE CHANGE?

MOST CONCLUSIVELY, WHY WOULD **ANYONE** CONSIDER DONALD TRUMP QUALIFIED FOR THE PRESIDENCY?

CLEARLY, WE ARE LIVING IN A HAMFISTED SATIRICAL NOVEL--OR PERHAPS A **CARTOON**, IF ANYONE READS **THOSE** ANYMORE.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF AN AUTHOR WHO HAS REPEATEDLY SHOWN COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR ANY **SEMBLANCE** OF LOGIC OR RATIONALITY--

--AS WELL AS A PROPENSITY FOR POINTLESS Nihilism AND OVER-THE-TOP PLOT TWISTS.

UH--PRO-FESSOR--?

TOM TOMORROW © 2016

Jones backs classifying LGBT bias as hate crime

Cites Orlando, local crimes as cause for change of heart

As the Rev. Nicolette Siragusa of the United Church of Christ in Grand Ledge prepared to deliver a meditation for a vigil at the Capitol the day 49 people were killed at a gay nightclub in Orlando, she was surprised to see here state senator, Rick Jones, in the crowd.

"I know his legislative history," Siragusa, who is openly lesbian, said later, "and he has not always been a friend to the gay and transgender community."

Indeed, Jones has been an ardent opponent of amending Michigan's hate crime law to include sexual orientation and gender. And as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, his opposition was a huge barrier.

But today Jones, a Grand Ledge Republican, will announce that he is cosponsoring a bill to amend the measure to include LGBT people.

His support breathes new life into the legislation after decades of disappointment for proponents.

His backing guarantees a hearing before the Judiciary Committee. This will be the first time the Legislature's upper chamber has held hearings on hate crimes legislation, and the first time since 2008 either chamber has done so.

Last week, Jones signed onto SB1035 to amend the state hate crimes law to include gender identity and sexual orientation as protected classes.

Jones and Warren Democrat Steve Bida will take the lead shepherding the legislation through the Senate. Ingham County



Todd Heywood/City Pulse

State Sen. Rick Jones (left) joins a June 12 vigil at the Capitol after 49 people were murdered in the Pulse gay bar in Orlando.

Democrat Curtis Hertel Jr. and Republican Tory Rocca from Sterling Heights have also signed onto the bill as sponsors.

"I have not been real supportive of adding more things to the law in the past because I didn't feel there was a big problem," the former Eaton County sheriff said during an interview at A&W in Grand Ledge, where he meets with seniors every weekday morning. "The shock of what happened in Orlando, and then to find out here in Mid-Michigan something similar happening — a hatred — really made me think about this. And I'm sold. I'm sold on adding this to a hate crime definition."

He cited the sentencing of the sentencing of two men for a series of anti-gay pick up crimes in Lansing as helping open his eyes to the reality of anti-LGBT hate in the state.

The Mid-Michigan events to which he referred were the antigay Craigslist attacks reported by City Pulse June 27.

State statistics show antigay crimes have been an ongoing issue in Michigan. In 2014, the Michigan State Police listed 60 antigay bias crimes. That was out of 532 victims and 441 incidents. In 2015, the number of victims and incidents had dropped to 399 incidents and 495 victims. The MSP reports that 12 percent in 2015 were motivated by antigay bias, or 61 cases. The majority of bias crimes were perpetrated based on the victim's race.

In order to be included in the Michigan Incident Crime reports kept by the state police, there must be "sufficient objective facts" that would "lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias."

That doesn't include crimes against a particularly vulnerable group, transgender

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Clara's fate 'pending'

Historic Union Depot in hands of unknown buyer

Who's buying it is still a secret, but the for-sale sign in front of the historic Clara's Station Lansing on Michigan Avenue has a "pending" notice pasted over it.

"We truly believe that any buyer that we select will be faithful to the historic vision of the property," co-owner Cindy Jubeck said Tuesday. She and her brother, Scott, closed the restaurant last month after 37 years. She said the new owner or owners want to make the announce-

ment, which is expected in the next three weeks.

The Jubecks' father, Peter, bought and restored the old Union Depot, a Tudor Revival building that opened in 1902.

The property is listed on the National Registry of Historic Properties, but that doesn't ultimately confer much protection in terms of redevelopment, according to the National Parks Service.

"From the Federal perspective,

a property owner can do whatever they want with their property as long as there are no Federal monies attached to the property," the website reads. The restaurant's website said Jubeck spent his own money on restoring it.

The Michigan Historic Preservation Office did not immediately return a phone call seeking information on limitations from the state

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Property: Lansing

While there were a few close guesses, no one correctly identified the light fixture in the June 1 "Eye for Design." The lamp is one of several hanging at the Grand River entrance to the The People's Church in East Lansing. In addition to the decorative glass lanterns, the building features numerous Gothic details, including stone buttresses, carved arches and window tracery.

To balance the difficulty in locating last month's detail, the carving shown above is easier to recognize. The first person to correctly identify the detail, which is in Lansing, will receive a City Pulse Eye for Design mug. Send your answer to debolman@comcast.net by Wednesday, July 20.

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA



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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 2, 2016 IN MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Please take notice that Meridian Charter Township will hold an election on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

For the purpose of nominating candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties for partisan offices: CONGRESSIONAL, LEGISLATIVE, COUNTY, LOCAL and DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION
Also to vote on the following proposals:

COUNTY

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED MILLAGE QUESTION
ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER REPLACEMENT AND OPERATIONAL MILLAGE QUESTION
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE (911 SERVICE) MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION
JUVENILE JUSTICE MILLAGE RENEWAL QUESTION

LOCAL

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHWAYS

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Meridian Township Clerk, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864, telephone 517-853-4300 or log onto the township website at www.meridian.mi.us.

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

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PCT 1 St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 2 Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 3 Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 4 Murphy Elementary School, 1875 Lake Lansing Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 5 Haslett Community Church, 1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 6 Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 7 Kinawa Middle School, 1900 Kinawa Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 8 Cornell School, 4371 Cornell Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 9 Edgewood School, 1826 Osage Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 10 Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Ct., Haslett, MI 48840
PCT 11 2/42 Community Church, 2600 Bennett Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 12 Meridian Activity Center, 4675 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 13 Central School, 4406 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 14 Hiawatha School, 1900 Jolly Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 15 Meridian Senior Ctr., 4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 16 consolidated with Pct. 17
PCT 17 Bennett Woods School, 2650 Bennett Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
PCT 18 Snell Towar Recreation Center, 6146 Porter Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823
PCT 19 United Church of Christ MI Conference, 5945 Park Lake Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823
PCT 20 Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett, MI 48840

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

The Meridian Township Clerk's office will be open on Saturday July 30, 2016 from 8:00am to 2:00pm to issue and accept absentee ballots for qualified electors. Monday August 1 at 4:00pm is the deadline to request an absentee ballot and the ballot must be voted in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's office.

All voters are required to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

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

STATEMENT OF COUNTY TREASURER

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

I, Eric Schertzing, Treasurer of Ingham County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of May 16, 2016, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of the State of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in East Lansing, Haslett, Okemos and Williamston Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, is as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No. of Mills</u>	<u>Years Still Effective</u>
By Ingham County:	0.6 mill Juvenile Justice	through 2016
	.52 mill Health Service	through 2019
	.14 mill Farmland Preservation	through 2017
	.5 mill Parks & Trails	through 2019
By Meridian Township:	0.15 mill Recreation & Human Service Programs	through 2021
	.25 mill Road Repair	through 2023
	.20 mill Renew & Restore CATA Service	through 2018
	.2774 mill Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway	through 2016
	.3170 mill Meridian Park System	through 2016
	.6667 mill Meridian Park System	through 2025
	.6405 mill EMS/Fire Department	through 2019
	.6080 mill Police Department	through 2019
	.3300 mill Land Preservation	through 2019
By the Okemos School District:	.9919 mill Sinking Fund	through 2021
	18.00 mill (exempting homestead and qualified agricultural property)	through 2021
By the Haslett School District	2.000 mill Operating non-home	through 2021
	.7783 mill Sinking Fund	through 2018
	1.250 mill Sinking Fund	through 2022
	13.9653 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	1.6465 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	1.9981 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
By the East Lansing School District	4.000 mill Operating non-home	through 2017
	1.286 mill Sinking Fund	through 2018
	18.2597 mill Operating non-home	through 2018
By the Williamston School District	1.00 mill Sinking Fund	through 2022
	18.00 mill Operating non-home	through 2035
	.7500 mill Recreation	through 2023

Date: May 18, 2016

Eric Schertzing, Treasurer
Ingham County, Michigan

Brett Dreyfus, CMMC
Meridian Township Clerk

CP#16-161

Clara's

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on registered properties.

Bill Castanier, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, said historic depots like Union Depot have been repurposed around the state and the country to great effect, including as offices and, as was recently the case, as a restaurant. So he is hoping there will be new life to an old building.

And it does carry a great amount of history. That station served as the send-off location for thousands of Mid-Michigan men drafted to fight in World War II. It was also the place where President Teddy Roosevelt stopped in 1907. The president took a ride down Michigan Avenue to Michigan Agricultural College, later Michigan State University. In one direction, Roosevelt rode in an Oldsmobile curve dash car. In the other direction, the president rode in a REO vehicle. Castanier said that was done to prevent favoring one or the other of the competitors.

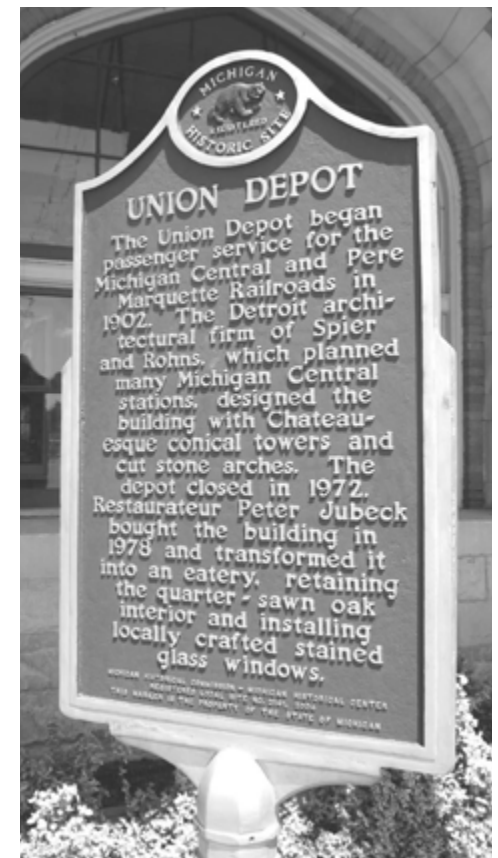
Castanier also said the depot served as a major hub of commercial activity in the early 20th century shuttling goods to northern Michigan and serving as a weigh station for war materials during WWII.

— Todd Heywood



Ty Forquer/City Pulse

Left: "Pending" on the sale sign on Michigan Avenue for Clara's Station Lansing means an offer has been made, but co-owner Cindy Jubeck is not saying by whom. The plaque by the entrance attests to the old Union Depot's historic significance, which Jubeck said she is confident the new owner will respect.



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people, which the state police do not track.

Equality Michigan, a statewide gay rights organization, reported in the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects 2015 annual report on hate crimes that the state had tracked three anti-trans murders.

The Craigslist anti-gay predator case reported last month by City Pulse meets the bias crime definition, said Lansing Police Chief Michael Yankowski. The perpetrators admitted to investigators they were targeting gay men because they were "sick" and "not likely to report to the police," the police report said.

Despite those admissions, the case was not formally reported as a bias crime until June 23. That's when it was discovered the incident had been incorrectly coded to reflect no bias motivation.

Yankowski said it has been corrected and will be counted as a 2015 hate crime.

Jones is not the only high-profile Republican senator making headlines calling for an amendment to Michigan's hate crimes laws. State Sen. Mike Kowall of White Lake said last week, after news of the shooting of white police officers in Dallas, that he would introduce legislation he is calling "Uniformed Lives Matter." That proposal would make a crime to target first responders for violent crime, as apparently happened when a gunman opened fire on Dallas Police last week during a Black Lives Matter march.

Kowall opposes amending existing hate crimes laws to include the LGBT community. Ironically, however, MSP reports on bias incidents show that in 2014, five police officers

were victims of bias crimes, whereas 60 members of the LGB community were victims of such crimes. In 2015, eight police officers were victims of bias crimes, while 61 members of the LGB community were victims.

Kowall was unavailable for comment.

Both Jones and Bieda said they were open to including first responders in their legislation.

Jones said he thinks this move is going to impact his political ambitions, which he declined to discuss on the record. But Kathy Hoekstra, a political communications specialist from Saginaw, said the former sheriff may actually be reflective of a new GOP.

"Any future office-seeking will include bragging rights of championing LGBT equality ahead of all of his peers in the state — Republican or Democrat," said Hoekstra. "It's a sure political score, and a meaningful one to a growing number of Republicans and conservatives who want equal rights for and treatment of all, but have been long penned in by outdated policies and attitudes of long-gone predecessors."

Nathan Triplett, political director for Equality Michigan, said Jones' move is "very positive."

"There's no question Sen. Jones' support advances a strategy to move this forward."

He too thinks Jones will do himself some political good as more and more younger Republicans embrace gay rights.

As for Jones, it was just the right thing to do after Orlando and hate crimes at home.

"We just simply have to stand up and say this is not Nazi Germany, this is not the Soviet Union," he said. "This is America and we don't allow that kind of hatred in our country."

— Todd Heywood



PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public test of the program which will be used for tabulating the results of the Special Election to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2016 in the City of Lansing will be conducted at the City Clerk's Election Unit located at the South Washington Office Complex at 2500 South Washington Avenue on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Registered voters can get an Absent Voter Ballot for any of the following reasons:

- You are 60 years of age or older
- You are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another
- You expect to be absent from the City of Lansing for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day
- You cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- You are an appointed precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside
- You cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

We must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. Applications are available at www.lansingmi.gov/Elections or by calling 517-483-4131.

The Lansing City Clerk's Office, 124 W. Michigan Ave., 9th Floor, will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington Ave (rear entrance), will be open

- Weekdays beginning July 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Sunday, July 24 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.; and
- Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

to issue absentee ballots to qualified electors.

Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m. is the deadline to request an absentee ballot. You may also vote an absentee ballot in person on Monday, August 1 at the City Clerk's Office at 124 W. Michigan Ave, 9th Floor or 2500 S. Washington Ave.

An emergency absent voter ballot must be applied for by 4 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absent voter ballots are available for voters who become physically disabled or will be absent from the City because of sickness or death in the family which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for absent voter ballots by Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

Chris Swope, CMMC/CMC
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CP#16-160

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearing to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, August 3, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the 54 B District Court, Courtroom 1, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

A public hearing will be held on the appeal of Kraig Wray requesting a variation for the property located at 809 Westlawn Avenue, in the R-2, Medium Density Single-Family Residential District, from the following requirements of Chapter 50 - Zoning of the Code of the City of East Lansing:

Article IV. Section 50-301, to permit 44% ground coverage which exceeds the maximum allowed by 4% more than the maximum ground coverage standard of 40%. This will increase a previously approved ground coverage variance by only .02%.

The applicant is proposing to remove an existing crumbling front porch to replace it with a new wider front porch.

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

Marie Wicks
City Clerk

CP#16-166

July 13, 2016

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Ingham County
341 S. Jefferson
Mason, MI 48854
517-676-7200

On or about **July 21, 2016**, Ingham County will request the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to release the following program funds:

- CDBG under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
 HOME under Title II (HOME Investment Partnership Act) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990
 Other:

Program funds will be used to undertake a project known as **Ingham County Homeowner Rehab**, for the purpose of **rehabilitating nine owner occupied homes in the cities of Leslie, Mason, and Williamston MEDC Homeowner Rehabilitation guidelines**.

The proposed activities are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. For tiered review, additional environmental analyses will be addressed on project sites as they are identified; specifically: **As properties are identified, a Tier II reviews will be undertaken for the following sections of the checklist: Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, Noise Abatement and Control.** Additional information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at **Ingham County, 341 S. Jefferson, Mason, MI 48854**. The record is available for review, examination, or copying weekdays, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to **Ingham County, 341 S. Jefferson, Mason, MI 48854**. All comments received by **July 20, 2016** will be considered prior to requesting a release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Ingham County certifies to MEDC that Ingham County and Kara Hope in his/her capacity as Chair of the Board of Commissioners and Certifying Officer consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. MEDC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Ingham County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

MEDC will accept objections to the release of funds and certification only if they are based on one of the following: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer; (b) the environmental review record indicates an omission of a required step, decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by MEDC; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to MEDC, 300 N. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by MEDC. No objection received after **August 5, 2016** will be considered by MEDC.

Kara Hope, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Certifying Officer

CP#16-165

The cost of Costco

Meridian, East Lansing compliant on big-box deed restrictions



I'll make a prediction. Costco's coming to Lansing will reshape the region's retailing. It's a great operation that will challenge Meijer, Walmart, Home Depot, Best Buy and other big box stores on price and quality, even the way it treats employees. I've called it fantasyland for shoppers.

MICKEY HIRTEN

But like its competitors, Costco Wholesale Corp. is quite willing to make demands on communities where it locates, and is doing just that as it negotiates with East Lansing and Meridian Township for the store it hopes to open by fall 2017.

It is insisting on deed restrictions that forbid the sale of its proposed \$4 million,

154,000 -quare foot-building to the only business that might want to actually buy it — that is, other big box retailers.

This is standard practice for big stores who come to town and big foot local officials. What the restriction means is that when a home improvement center or large retailers like K-Mart fail, the building remains vacant — urban blight. And incredibly, big-box retailer have cited these “dark stores” that they create as the reason that their buildings have limited value and should be taxed at rates below the cost of construction.

The strategy is likened to the man who murders his parents and at sentencing pleads for mercy because he's an orphan.

Meridian Township and East Lansing are jointly negotiating with Costco on the permits and permissions for a store on the former Four Winds Golf course at Park Lake and Saginaw Highway.

And even though Meridian Township has been burned badly by big box-store tax refunds, Meijer being the most notable ex-

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The substation fight

Score one for BWL, city in battle over Scott Park

Opponents of the plan to locate a \$26 million power substation in a downtown park have apparently lost an important battle.

On Tuesday, City Councilwoman Jody Washington, who chairs the Planning and Development Committee, said it cannot be put on the ballot for voters to decide if the Lansing Board of Water & Light should be permitted to build the proposed Central Substation in Scott Park.

Washington said both City Attorney James Smiertka and Deputy City Attorney Joseph Abood have told her that the results of such a referendum would be considered an advisory opinion, which is illegal under state law.

Opponents have been demanding a referendum, contending that the City Charter requires a public vote to sell parkland. The city has maintained it was not selling the park, only transferring the property to another public entity, in this case BWL.

But on Monday, the city and BWL took a new legal avenue. Officials told the City Council said that the property would remain a park under zoning laws and that a Special Land Use permit, which the Council must approve, would allow the utility to use that park for the substation.

This move, Smiertka told the Council, would not require a transfer of the property ownership and negates the need for a vote by Lansing residents.

The fight began in February when the BWL announced its plans to build the substation in the park at the corner of

Malcolm X Street and Washington Avenue between downtown and REO Town. Utility officials have argued the location is the only viable site. They say it needs to be built and online in the next 18 months in order to meet the schedule to decommission the coal-fired Eckert Power station by Jan. 1, 2020, as part of a cleaner energy initiative.

Opponents, including Preservation Lansing, have argued that not only does the plan eliminate an historic sunken garde, but also a nearly 100-year-old home that has stood vacant and barely maintained since 2007. They also argue this is a dramatic shift in the use of the park.

The two sides will continue to hammer on the issue starting at 10 a.m. Thursday when the Planning and Development Committee will meet to consider when to set a public hearing on the proposal.

Washington, the First Ward City Council representative, said she is “disturbed” by the “slippery slope” argument that the city can transfer a park property to another department for other use.

“If we start going down that road — and we know this mayor has no love for the parks — we could have the Public Service Department want to build a garage on park property,” she said.

Responded Mayor Virg Bernero: “What is she babbling about? I can't imagine that anyone takes her relentless negativity and hyperbolic nonsense seriously.”

“The fact is we are blessed to have more than 2,000 acres of parkland in Lansing, nearly twice the national median according to the National Parks and Recreation Association,” he added.

— Todd Heywood



Hirten

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ample, the township board buckled during negotiations with the retailer.

Township Treasurer Julie Brixie is hoping East Lansing will tackle the deed restriction issue. She's been a strong critic of the big-box store tactic, which stripped millions of dollars in tax payments to Meridian Township, The Okemos School District, CATA and other public agencies.

Tax rate comparisons by the Michigan Municipal League cite Lowe's as an example of big-box stores rigging the system. It found that its stores are assessed \$22.10 per square foot in Michigan compared with \$79.08 in North Carolina.

Nonetheless, Brixie and fellow town board members voted unanimously for an agreement allowing East Lansing to rezone the property.

"There's a lot of support in the community for the Costco project," she said. "It looks better than the high density apartment complexes that were proposed there in the past."

But she didn't dispute the suggestion that the township board blinked.

And it's likely that East Lansing also will blink.

In part it's because the Michigan Appeals Court and the Legislature have begun to address the irrational rulings of the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which closely align with the business friendly agendas of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Retailers Association.

The Appeals Court, ruling on a dispute between Menards and the city of Escanaba, found that anti-competitive deed-restricted property serves to undervalue the property. It ordered the Tax Tribunal to reexamine its tax reduction decision that hinged on the depressed values of failed big-box stores. The ruling establishes a

legal precedent.

Analyzing the Appeals Court decision, Jack Van Coevering, an attorney with Foster Swift Collins & Swift, illustrated the wholly artificial, nonsensical standard used by the Tax Tribunal to resolve the property value of existing stores.

"In the Tribunal, Menard's Inc. relied entirely on a sales comparison valuation of eight sales of former big box properties. Five of the sales were deed restricted by the seller to prohibit use of the store for big box retail as well as many other commercial uses. Three of these sales were converted to factories, one to a strip mall and another remained vacant. A sixth sale from a bankrupt big box retailer was converted to a City Hall. The remaining two sales were of stores that were nearly a third of the size of the Menards' store," he wrote for the website Lexology.com.

In addition to the court ruling, the Michigan House of Representatives has passed a bill requiring the Tax Tribunal to

value property at its highest and best use, essentially the cost of a building minus depreciation. The Senate has yet to vote on the measure and its fate in the Governor's Office is unknown.

But the momentum on dark stores is enough for East Lansing to back off on deed restrictions, at least so far.

"Our feeling is that the legislation going through the Legislature is going to address the issue," said Tim Dempsey, East Lansing director of planning, building and development.

While the court decision and legislation address the tax valuation issue, neither limits big-box stores from attaching restrictive covenants to deeds or deal with the blight of abandoned properties.

But for Costco, both Meridian Township and East Lansing are compliant. "You have to consider who you are dealing with," Dempsey said. "Costco's track record versus Walmart's is dramatically different. I don't think Costco has ever closed a store in Michigan."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick E. Lindemann

Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Hearing of Apportionment for special assessment of costs incurred by the drainage districts listed below will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Tuesday, July 26, 2016**, from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, I will have the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the drainage district available to review. Any drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes.

For assessments to be collected in installments, the Drain Code (Act 40 of 1956, Sec. 154 [e]) provides that the assessment may be paid in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

DRAIN #	DRAIN NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION
E19-00	EAST POINT DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	23, 26
F02-00	FEAR DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	23-26
F07-06	HEIRLOOM VIEW DRAIN BRANCH OF FOSTER COUNTY DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	23
F22-00	FANSON AND POTTER DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	22
F26-00	FREDERICK DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	9
G03-09	GILBERT, HOUGHTON HEIGHTS BRANCH DRAIN	DELHI TOWNSHIP	8, 17
G04-00	GILLAM DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	20, 21, 28, 29
G07-00	GOODNOE DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	4, 9
G10-00	GRAHAM AND BRANCH NO. 1 DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	2
		DELHI TOWNSHIP	35
G23-00	GHERE DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	28, 29
H02-01	HAMPTON & OWEN DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	11, 14, 15
H28-00	HOPKINS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	23, 26, 27
H29-00	HUDSON DRAIN	WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP	14, 15, 22, 23
H64-00	HUBBARD DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	26, 35
H65-00	HUNTOON LAKE DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	1-3, 9-16, 21-23, 25-27, 35
		CITY OF LESLIE	21
I06-05	INDIAN LAKES, MAUMEE BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	21, 28, 29
K02-00	KELLEY DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	9, 15, 16, 21, 22
L03-00	LAMB DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	25, 26, 34-36
L05-00	LAWRENCE DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	34, 35
L07-00	LEROY NO. 2 DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	13, 14, 24
L13-00	LOCKE NO. 4 DRAIN	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	13, 23-26
L36-01	LANSING TOWNSHIP NO 2: SCHULTZ BRANCH DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	19
L36-02	LANSING TWP. #2, LANSING/WAVERLY ROAD BRANCH DRAIN	LANSING TOWNSHIP	19
L42-00	LOCKE DITCH NUMBER TWO	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	2, 10, 11, 14, 15
L44-00	LOCKE TOWNSHIP DRAIN NO. 6	LOCKE TOWNSHIP	13
M03-00	MARSHALL DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	19, 20, 29, 30
M06-00	MEAD DRAIN	LEROY TOWNSHIP	28, 29, 32, 33
M09-00	MERIDIAN DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	25, 36
M09-02	MERIDIAN, TURNBERRY BRANCH DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	36
M14-00	MERIDIAN HILLS DRAIN	MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP	10, 15
M19-00	MULLEN DRAIN	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	1, 2, 11, 12, 14
M22-00	MILLER DRAIN	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	16, 17, 20-22, 27-29
		VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE	22
M38-00	MARSHALL AND HAYNES DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	15, 16, 21, 22

Proceedings conducted at the day of review are subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Ingham County Drain Commissioner at (517) 676-8395 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 apportionment may appeal to the Ingham County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

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MAGICAL ESCAPISM

Michigan natives open magic show in Guam

By Callie Opper



Double bookings are usually a nightmare for performers. But in 2005, when magicians Chris Zubrick and Ryan Makowski showed up for the same gig at Michigan State University, they made the best of it. The two solo acts improvised a duo show, and they felt an immediate chemistry. They decided to form a duo — but the professional relationship quickly developed into a romantic relationship.

“We’ve officially been together for 11 years,” Chris Zubrick said.

The couple held a marriage ceremony in October 2013 — Makowski took Zubrick’s last name — and were legally married the following summer.

“We had our wedding ceremony on the island of Saipan, because same-sex marriage wasn’t legal then,” Chris Zubrick said.

“We traveled to Honolulu to become legally wed,” added Ryan Zubrick.

Chris Zubrick, 33, grew up in Laingsburg. He fell in love with magic as a child after finding a magic trick prize in a cereal box. At 7, he asked his parents to buy real doves to train for his routine. Ryan Zubrick, 30, had a similar experience. Growing up in Edwardsburg in southwest Michigan, he received a magic kit as a birthday present when he turned 6 and was soon hooked. By age 10, he was performing at birthday parties and events. The two worked as solo acts for several years until the serendipitous double-booking.

“We found each other,” Chris Zubrick said, “And our relationship has given us the chance to do everything together, including take the stage.”

The duo launched its newest show,



Courtesy Photo

In addition to feats of illusion, “ZUBRICK!” features a large cast of dancers, acrobats, tigers and doves.



Courtesy Photo

Michigan natives Chris (left) and Ryan Zubrick opened their latest magic show, “ZUBRICK!” at Guam’s SandCastle Dinner Theatre last month.

“ZUBRICK!” last month at the 500-seat SandCastle Dinner Theatre in Guam. The Baldyga Group, which operates several tourist attractions on the island, invested over \$1 million in the ambitious show. The Zubricks’ feats of illusion are bolstered by a cast of acrobats, dancers, Bengal tigers and doves. The show’s production team includes designers who have worked with David Copperfield, Michael Jackson and Cirque du Soleil. Baldyga Group CEO Mark Baldyga, who opened the theater in 1991, describes “ZUBRICK!” as “by far the best show we have ever presented at the SandCastle.”

“There is truly something for everyone, from romantic interludes to fast-paced, cutting-edge sequences,” Zubrick said.

But behind the extravagant trappings, the Zubricks’ motivation goes back to their early days of magic making.

“It is our passion to continue sharing our magic, stretching smiles, and dropping jaws with the young and young at heart,” Zubrick said. “As cliché as it may seem, we love bringing magic into people’s lives and sharing with them that what may seem impossible can be possible.”

The show, which combines illusions, humor and Broadway-style spectacle, is designed to provide a respite from everyday stresses.

“There are too many unfortunate and sad current events,” Ryan Zubrick said. “If we all can escape, even for a moment, and bring back that wonder we experience as children, that’s the real magic.”

“We want our audience to enjoy live entertainment,” added Chris Zubrick. “It’s a great opportunity to disconnect from social media by putting down the iPhones and iPads and connecting with your family, live and in person.”

The Zubricks encourage aspiring magicians to do their research and to read books on magic and theater. The couple’s favorite book on the subject is Mark Wilson’s “The Complete Course in Magic.” While magic is entertainment, it’s also business, and making connections is important.

“Find a mentor,” Chris Zubrick said. “And also attend magic workshops and conventions.”

Before relocating to Guam, the Zubricks performed their show for seven and a half years in Saipan. While the couple loves living on tropical islands, it has been hard being so far away from their family in Michigan. The engagement in Guam is open-ended, but the Zubricks are already thinking about what’s next.

“The future has a lot in store for us,” Zubrick said. “We want to start a family of our own.”

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

By order of the County Treasurer of Ingham County

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Wednesday, July 20 from 4-6pm**



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FROM DIERKS TO DERULO

Despite oppressive heat, a surprise hail storm and an emergency evacuation, Common Ground Music Festival still drew thousands of people to Adado Riverfront Park last week. The six-day festival has not released official attendance numbers, but organizers hoped a strong turnout on Sunday would push the week's attendance over 50,000 people.

For more City Pulse Common Ground coverage, including daily digests and photo galleries, check out lansingcitypulse.com/commonground2016.

Photos by Scott VanGilder/Scott V Photography



SATURDAY

Country star Dierks Bentley drew a huge crowd Saturday, headlining a day of bluegrass and country acts.



TUESDAY

Singer Aaron Bruno and his band, AWOLNATION, headlined Tuesday's lineup of indie rock artists.



FRIDAY

Rapper A\$AP Rocky turned out an energetic set as part of Friday's hip-hop heavy lineup.



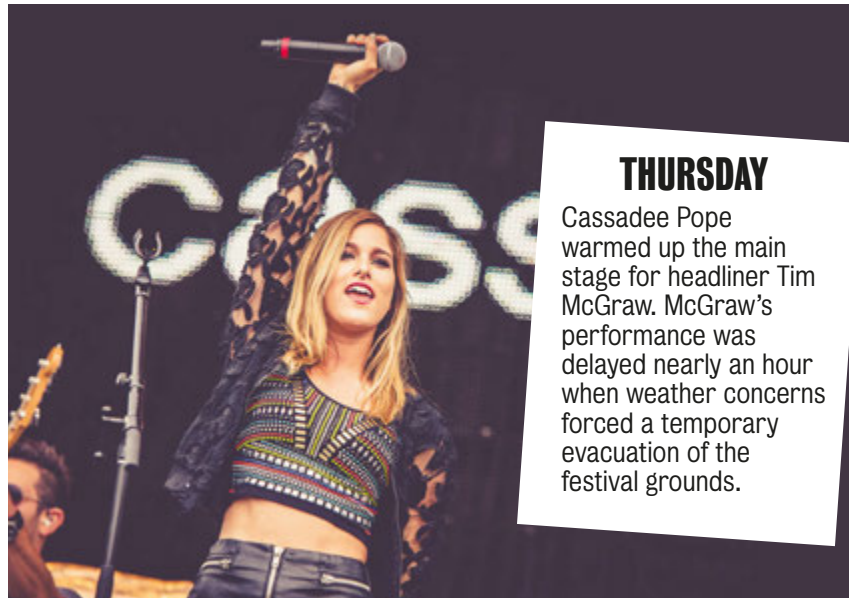
SUNDAY

Singer Jason Derulo pulled out all the stops for his festival-closing performance, including guest vocalists, back-up dancers and huge video screens.



WEDNESDAY

Lansing-based metal band Heartsick, featuring vocalist Alfonso Civile, made an appearance in Wednesday's slate of heavy acts.



THURSDAY

Cassadee Pope warmed up the main stage for headliner Tim McGraw. McGraw's performance was delayed nearly an hour when weather concerns forced a temporary evacuation of the festival grounds.

CURTAIN CALL

Shakespeare on a ledge

Over the Ledge reimagines the bard in summer production

By PAUL WOZNAK

To see it or not to see it, that is the question. On one hand, Over the Ledge Theatre Co.'s latest production, "Good Night Desdemona (Good Morning, Juliet)" is ideal summer theater fun. It's a bawdy reworking of Shakespearean shows and characters that attempts to literally turn tragedies into comedies.

"Good Night Desdemona (Good Morning, Juliet)"

Over the Ledge Theatre Co.
8 p.m. Thursday, July 14-Saturday, July 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17
\$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students
The Ledges Playhouse
137 Fitzgerald Park Drive,
Grand Ledge
(517) 318-0579,
overtheledge.org

On the other hand, listening to so much dialogue performed in iambic pentameter can feel like a chore. Fortunately, slick production values, sharp fight choreography and strong acting make this show a worthwhile destination regardless of your Shakespeare comfort level.

For better or worse, Anne-Marie MacDonald's script is a clever, feminist critique of Shakespearean characters, as well as a light spoof on Shakespearean tropes in general. Assistant Professor Constance Ledbelly (Cassie Little) sets out to prove that the doomed characters Desdemona and Juliet, from the tragedies "Othello" and "Romeo and Juliet," respectively, were actually strong, feminist archetypes in comedies that went awry. In her despair at being passed over for a promotion, Constance is magically transported into the literary world of the plays. Like a bard-themed "Back to the Future," Constance's meddling in the affairs of the plays' characters sparks unexpected consequences.

Besides the exposition-heavy first act, the show moves quite swiftly thanks to director Mary Job. The case is energized, graceful and fun, keeping the quick pace even through scene transitions. At times, the play feels like you're watching an extended inside joke. But Job and her cast work hard to make the material accessible for all audiences. The best bits are in Acts II and III, in "Othello's fortress" in Cyprus or Verona, Italy. Job's set design,

complete with faux-stone archways and pedestals, and traditional costumes by Lark Burger ground the show in theatrical authenticity. For extra glitz, Ian Griffin and John Lennox contribute fantastic fight choreography that looks sharp and moves swiftly enough to seem dangerous.

Juggling multiple roles, actors Adam Pruden, Michael Boxleitner, Anna Szabo, Kathryn Willis and Heath Sartorius work like a live-action Shakespearean toy box, bringing dead serious commitment to the zany roles. The best of these include Pruden's Othello, played with a cocky adolescent swagger, Boxleitner's

smarmy Iago and Szabo as Desdemona reimagined as an Amazonian warrior. Szabo doesn't have any more stage time than her cast mates, but her straight-faced, fiery delivery sets her apart. She also earns the biggest laughs of the evening, especially when attempting to smother Constance with a pillow shouting, "Down strumpet!"

Although Little only has one character to play, she seems to struggle with conveying her modern neuroticisms against the clownish story characters. It's a tricky role, hampered further by the moralizing dialogue near the end of the play.

Overall, Over the Ledge's converted barn ambience is perfect for this kind of show. It feels like Shakespeare in the Park — bugs included — but with a roof over your head. Add in professional sound and light cues from designers Ted Daniel and Bryan Ruhf, and you've got a fun, well-executed summer show.

Meta-musical "[title of show]" pulls back the curtain on the writing process

By TOM HELMA

Stop for just a moment and ask yourself this question:

"[title of show]"

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.
8 p.m. Thursday, July 14-Saturday, July 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17
\$20/\$15 students and seniors
Miller Performing Arts Center
6025 Curry Lane, Lansing
(517) 927-3016,
peppermintcreek.org.

What if life were like a Broadway musical? Imagine me singing this second sentence as if it were a song lyric. What would the accompanying score to your life sound like?

"[title of show]," Peppermint Creek Theater Co.'s lat-

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Curtain Call

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est production, is a 90-minute comic romp. The Tony-winning play-within-a-play, written by Hunter Bell and Jeff Bowen, gives audiences a behind-the-scenes look at the process of writing musical theater.

Director Ben Cassidy has injected an intense and insistent urgency into this production, adding sizzle to the already brisk and bright lyrics of the book. Edric Haleen performs both off stage as music director and on stage as Larry, the piano player, lead-

ing the five-person cast through delightfully dissonant harmonies. The choreography by Karyn Perry is clever and original.

Joe Quick and Scott Laban, who play portray Jeff and Hunter, respectively, have the rare ability to act while singing — in tune, even — with great dramatic effect. Nicole Martin, as Susan, and Maggie Smith, as Heidi, are both in strong in their supporting roles.

The magic of [“title of show”] is that the musical is seemingly being written right before our eyes. It opens with a rock ‘em-sock ‘em number entitled “Untitled Opening Number.” The play proceeds through every high and low theme of the writing process as the characters dream, struggle and wait for fame and fortune to land in their laps.

Quick and Laban perform most of the songs, mostly duets at first, then jazzy and melodic four-person dance numbers. But Martin and Smith get their moment in the sun, belting out the pointed “Montage Part 2: Secondary Characters.”

There is a lot of tricky lighting necessary to show the shifting back and forth from one apartment to another, and the crew nails it time after time. Sound quality is excellent as well.

This show suits the summer season well. It is light-hearted yet instructive, revealing the off-stage vulnerabilities that are always behind the staged scenes in front of our eyes.



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“Rooftop Reflections,” a digitally manipulated photograph by Joshua Gove, was taken from the roof of the Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid.

Meet the artist

Joshua Gove approaches art with childlike excitement

By CALLIE OPPER

Joshua Gove, this week's Summer of Art artist, started drawing at a young age, copying the animation style of TV superheroes and cartoon characters. But in high school, he really started to explore art in depth.

“My high school art teachers pushed me to dive deeper into art and steered me toward taking higher level courses,” Gove said. “That unlocked a passion for making, learning and talking about art.”

Gove decided to pursue art as a career and earned a full-ride scholarship from Alma College's Art and Design Department.

“I grew my love and passion for art-making through exploring art, art history, gallery work and traveling for the sake of art,” Gove said. “I have art on the brain at all times, in some way, shape or form.”

His professors and fellow students challenged him, helping him expand his knowledge and hone his skills. After graduating from Alma College, Gove, 24, took classes at Central Michigan University to get certified as a K-12 art teacher.

“I realized after Alma College that I wanted to teach, because I worked with youngsters at the Ann Arbor Art Center, teaching art summer camp classes,” Gove said. “I am in my third summer there.”

Gove has worked to develop a personal style and aesthetic.

“I love color, pattern and cultures,” Gove said. “My travel experience intertwined with a love of language and a love of art, and I naturally incorporate that into my work.”

The key to art, he explained, is having both a wild imagination and a passion to improve one's skills.

“We often forget that art is always around

us and that the world needs artists,” Gove said. “I would like all people to understand that art isn't always about the finished product; it's about the process.”

He stresses the goal of art should not be commercial success but personal improvement.

“Art is about learning and growing and releasing creative energy for multiple purposes,” Gove said. “It's about the trial and error, constant adding and subtracting and many failed attempts.”

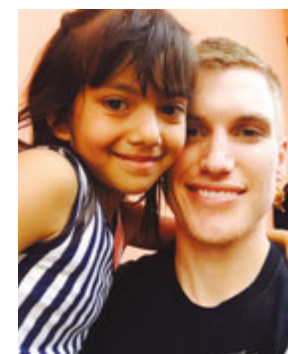
On top of teaching art classes at St. Johns Public Schools, Gove is also varsity high school tennis coach and an assistant tennis coach at Alma College, all while attending classes full time. Gove has no plans of slowing down, as he desires to continue coaching tennis and continue teaching K-12.

Gove encourages his students, as well as other aspiring artists, to have a childlike approach when it comes to art.

“One never has to grow out of art experimentation, with new and exciting avenues to be creative and expressive,” Gove said. “Sometimes, playing and experimenting with the mindset of a child is the best way to go.”

He also urges people to believe in themselves, even if no one else seems to.

“No matter what your pursuit is in life, there will be naysayers who just need to be ignored,” Gove said. “Doing what makes you happy and what inspires you and motivates you to keep going is what it's all about.”



Courtesy Photo
Joshua Gove (right) poses with Eunice Enriquez, a girl he met on a mission trip to Guatemala. Gove's love of travel influences his artwork.

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Urban oasis

C.S. Mott's estate provides window into industrialist's life

By BILL CASTANIER

While much of the attention given to Flint recently is focused on the city's ongoing water crisis, one author is trying to bring some attention to one of the city's underappreciated gems.

Applewood, the former estate of noted Michigan industrialist C.S. Mott, is nestled in the heart of Flint near Mott Community College. The 34-acre (originally 64-acre) farm, which has been remarkably well preserved, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Susan J. Newhof's new book, "Applewood: the Charles Stewart Mott Estate," shows a side of the businessman and philanthropist few outside of his hometown knew about. Mott is mostly known as one of the founders of General Motors, but he also served as Flint's mayor from 1912 to 1914 and unsuccessfully ran for governor in 1924 and 1940.

In Newhof's book, we learn that Mott was a locavore who cared deeply about the farm and its animals.

"The farm provided the family with the vast majority of its food," Newhof said, adding that his family background and roots were "close to the earth." Mott's father made a living selling cider and vinegar.

Applewood still has 29 varieties of heritage apple trees under cultivation and shares the harvest with the community at an annual open house, just one of many community events held at the estate. During its heyday, the estate employed both a full-time resident gardener and a farmer. The estate and the grounds are open to the public for free tours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The last home tour starts at 4 p.m., and reservations are recommended.

Newhof also discovered the Mott family members were historians — some might say hoarders — who went to great lengths to preserve their own history.



Photo courtesy of the Ruth Mott Foundation

Author Susan J. Newhof holds her book, "Applewood: the Charles Stewart Mott Estate," in front the historic Flint estate.

"The Mott family saved everything," she said

Mott kept a diary for more than 40 years, beginning in 1928 after the death of his second wife. He would dictate his thoughts to a secretary.

"It was more like a journal," Newhof said. "It was a platform for specific ideas about local politics and family issues, which he would send to family and friends."

In addition to his diary, the family left behind thousands of photographs depicting life on the farm, including parties, din-

ners, notable visitors and even pool parties thrown for children in the community. The photos also show Mott in informal situations, like when he donned a hula outfit for a party or wore pajamas to a Sunday pajama breakfast. Many photos show Mott's special relationships with his dogs, which he even brought to business meetings.

"There was always a dog not far away from him," Newhof said. "He would be standing with businessmen and holding Lady or Taboo."

The book touches on some of more difficult periods in Mott's life. He was widowed twice before he was 55 and divorced his third wife after less than a year of marriage. He eventually married Ruth Rawlings, a distant cousin, in 1934 when he was 59 and she was 22. The couple, who had three children, were married until he died at 97 in 1973. Ruth Mott died in 1999, also at 97.

Newhof relates that the couple met when Rawlings was supposed to be on a blind date with C.S. Mott's son. Instead, Mott switched the dinner place cards so he could sit next to her.

Following her husband's death, Ruth Mott took over care of Applewood.

"She had to figure out what to do with the estate and its renovation," Newhof said.

Mott wanted Applewood to be a resource for the community and opened it up for fundraising events and camps and even letting people explore the grounds and home.

"My intention is that Applewood be made available to the public for various activities and uses," Newhof quotes Mott in the book. Mott also described the estate as

"An oasis in the midst of buildings, parking lots and highways."

After Mott's death, Ruth Mott established her own foundation, the Ruth Mott Fund, which supports a variety of arts, environment and health projects.

Newhof began the writing process by exploring Applewood itself. It was a fairly modest estate during a time when most industrialists were building huge, castle-like structures.

"Most of all, I love the barns, which were built in the same style as the home," Newhof said.

Following World War II, Mott's interests shifted to philanthropic work, and the estate sold off the animals. Newhof, who raises chickens in her backyard in Montague, Mich., said the barns incorporated the best farming technology of the time.

"I loved the chicken coops," Newhof said. "They show a great appreciation for the care and comfort of animals."

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Letter from the President

Dear Readers,

In this issue of the LGBT News you will find the ratings from LAHR PAC, a separate organization from the LAHR that I lead, and an integral part of LAHR's participation in our community.

Many of the candidates running for office this year have much to offer in their allyship to the LGBTQ community, but I urge you to remember that it is now stylish for politicians to be "pro-LGBTQ". For LGBTQ issues to be so politically en vogue is a tremendous victory that has been hard fought. We must exert constant vigilance that the fashionableness of supporting LGBTQ ideals does not mean our leaders can take our support for granted.

When an issue such as LGBTQ becomes stylish it also becomes politically divisive, and it opens the door for serious opposition and paves the way for politicians such as Donald Trump and State Senator Tom Casperson (the man who introduced then anti-trans bathroom bill here in Michigan) to come to power. Those men and people like them do not belong in, or even deserve, leadership. One way you can stop men like them is by showing up at the ballot box.

Regardless of where you stand politically, you must vote. Your vote must also be confident and informed. Voting is a way to show love for yourself, your neighbors, and future generations.

I will, however, point out a pattern. No-

tice in the ratings that the Republicans running for office are far more likely to ignore or score poorly on the LAHR PAC questionnaire. The support for LGBTQ people and issues is overwhelmingly coming from the Democratic Party, lead locally by candidates such as Sam Singh (Michigan House of Reps, District 69), Mark Grebner (Ingham County, District 8), and Brian McGrain (Ingham County, District 10). These three received the highest rating LAHR PAC gives.

All elections are high stakes. All elections are critical. But I believe that this year is more high stakes than others due to our current political climate. I urge you to take LAHR PAC's ratings seriously, and I urge you to take your vote seriously. Pay attention to your local elections – they are the elections that will impact your life more immediately than the presidency ever will. So show up to vote in the primary Tuesday, August 2nd (or

get your absentee ballot, which is easy to do through your clerk's office).

Lastly, I would like to point out that in light of Melissa Gilbert's withdrawal, Michigan's 8th Congressional District has not been left stranded without Democratic opposition. Just last week Suzanna Shkreli announced her candidacy on behalf of the Dems. She will not be included on the August 2nd ballot and you will still see Melissa Gilbert's name. But you should expect to see a lot more of Shkreli in the coming months, and consider voting for her in November. Considering Mike Bishop's record, she's most likely going to be a better option. LAHR PAC has contacted her campaign and hoping to let you know how she rates soon. Reach out to us at any time.

In love and solidarity,
Alysa Hodgson

HUES Report July 2016

What's better than tie dying on a sunny day? Tie dying while enjoying snacks, good company, and participating in a clothing drive! Humans Uniting for an Equal Society (HUES) celebrated a year as a fully-involved community- and youth-oriented branch of Lansing Association of Human Rights (LAHR) by putting on our second annual Summertime Tie Dye! This year, we did things a little different; as well as the tie dye and the snacks, a clothing drive was put on. Donors had the choice of giving their gently used clothing items to a local organization, Gateway Youth Services, or to the Ruth Ellis Center, which runs out of Detroit.

Gateway works with at-risk, runaway, and homeless youth in the Greater Lansing area,



HUES Summertime Tie Dye and Clothing Donation Picnic at Patriarche Park on June 25.

and often works with LGBTQ youth, who comprise 1 in 5 homeless young people. The Ruth Ellis Center, named for the LGBT rights activist, works specifically with at-risk, runaway, and homeless LGBTQ youth in and around Detroit. The event was wildly

successful, with enough clothing donated to fill two cars and another trunk. We expect that around fifty people showed up to dye various pieces of clothing from t-shirts to handkerchiefs, with even more showing up specifically to drop off clothes. In fact,

we even had to run out mid-event to grab some more dye, as we quickly ran out! Luckily this year, there was no rain; just sunshine, rainbows, and great people. Massive thanks to anyone who donated!

Looking to the future, the July Coalition meeting for HUES, set for Tuesday, July 12th, will comprise of special elections to fill the vacancies of Chair, Vice Chair, and Communications Strategist until our regular elections in September, as well as voting on some updates to our bylaws. We greatly encourage you to attend our Coalition meeting for August, set for August 9th! We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the community room of Everybody Reads Bookstore on Michigan Ave., Lansing. As always, any questions can be sent to humansunitingforanequalsociety@gmail.com. You can also find us on [facebook.com/humansuniting](https://www.facebook.com/humansuniting) or at our new website, humansuniting.org!

"Raise Hope and Foster Dreams"

Did you know...

The Michigan Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Act offers 18, 19, and 20 year olds who were in state supervised foster care at the age of 18 or older the option of living in a licensed foster family home, a child care institution, or an approved setting where the individual is living independently, until age 21.

Because these services are provid-

ed without court jurisdiction, the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program (YAVFC) is considered voluntary. Youth have the option of being eligible through either extending their open foster care case (if they are at least 18, but less than 21 years old), or entering YAVFC after the youth has already exited foster care (after reaching 18 years old, but less than 21). YAVFC eligibility requires one of the following parameters: that youth to be actively completing high school or a program leading to a general



equivalency diploma (GED); enrolled at least part-time in a college, university, vocational program, or trade school; employed in at least part-time work or a program that promotes employment (i.e. Job Corps, Michigan Works!) participating at least 80 hours per month; or incapable of the educational or employment activities previously mentioned due to a documented medical condition.

Did you know...

Ingham County DHHS has approxi-

mately 15 youth in YAVFC.

Roughly 800 Michigan youth age out of the foster care system each year. Many of them lose the only adult support they have ever had. The Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care Program features extended benefits including training in independent living skills, bus passes, medical assistance, counseling, and case management support. Through YAVFC, youth are able to have the option to live independently in an approved setting until the age of 21. The YAVFC Program offers youth to receive a monthly sti-

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An Open Letter to Bisexual Allies

By: *Friendly Bi-Woman*

To those who consider themselves an ally in all things LGBTQ, either as a heterosexual or as a monosexual in-community:

I take issue with a few things in your bisexual allyship. So, let's work together to make that allyship stronger. This is a critical analysis to make the fight for bisexual understanding and acceptance more widespread.

I am repeatedly asked how I can be bisexual without ever having had sex with a girl. I am sick and tired of fielding this question. It is dehumanizing, hypersexualizing, and objectifying. (Also this is a very limited definition of bisexuality. I am attracted to people on an individual play-by-play basis, and do not limit myself based on their sex or gender expression. Essentially, I have the capacity to be attracted to anyone.) The fact that I get this question from so-called "allies" is even more insulting.

My response to this question is typically along the lines of, "How can a straight boy know that he is straight if he has never had sex with a girl?"

Sexual and romantic attraction are broader categories than physical encounters. Don't we typically experience attraction to others every day of our lives? Prior to sexual encounters? Let me give an example of how ridiculous this "sexual encounter evidence" rule is.

Say I am single and am looking for a hook up. After random selection, I go home with someone and we have sex. After sex, wow I am attracted to this person and all other person with the same gender/sex -- but only after a sexual encounter! Because apparently attraction is only proven to us after we have sex with someone! My selection of this person must have been void of human

experience for attraction to not play a part before sex! This is the logic that you use when you declare that I cannot be bisexual because I have not had sex with someone other than a man.

I do not need to have a physical encounter with the same sex or different gender to express my bisexuality. Neither does anyone else!

In fact, being in a relationship with a man is an expression of my bisexuality. Loving a man is an expression of my bisexuality. Having sex with a man is an expression of my bisexuality. Building a life with a man is an expression of my bisexuality. It is not heterosexuality. It is not monosexuality. I am still bisexual. The person I fell in love with just happens to be a cisgender, heterosexual person of the male sex. He gave me courage to step into the queer identity that had always been there. It is because of his love for me that I was able to be myself and I was able to come out as a bisexual woman to my close friends last April. He is

straight. I am not. Believe it or not, those relationships exist.

I am queer. And being queer is not just gay pride parades, night clubs, rainbows and neat gardens.

It is fear, depression, anxiety, invisibility, underrepresentation, persecution, hate crimes, violence, suicide, objectification, denial, rejection, and the constant sterilization of your authentic self, among many other dismal things.

As allies, it is important that you refuse to debase the queer experience to just sexual encounters. My queer experience is much larger than who I have sex with. I do not need to prove my bisexuality to you by having sex with every gender that I claim to be attracted to.

These are a few behaviors that you as an ally may or may not be participating in from time to time that makes me question your allyship. I am writing this because I have a right to. My voice and experience matters, and sometimes monosexuals

(particularly straight people) need to stay in their lane.

We're all here to make each other better right? And we're all fighting the same fight? Here's some ways to watch yourself so you can fight it better:

Your allyship is hurtful when you do not believe in my relationship or if you do not believe my experience.

Your allyship is hurtful when you think I need to have sexual encounters to be bisexual.

Your allyship is hurtful when you question my sexuality.

Your allyship is hurtful when you think it is "just a phase" or I am "looking for attention."

Your allyship is hurtful when you do not validate my full person besides my sexuality.

Your allyship is hurtful when you use me as a token bisexual person.

Your allyship is hurtful when you con-

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Foster Program

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pend that helps pay for rent and daily living expenses. Members of the community can make a difference for a YAVFC youth by enhancing a youth's access to safe, affordable, and stable housing options.

Did you know...

Ingham County DHHS is hosting its next Orientation on Tuesday, July 12th from 9am – 12pm and again on Thursday, July 28th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Ingham County Human Services Building (Door 3) located at 5303 S Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan 48911

Can't make this time? We can schedule an orientation at your home! Just call Christina Redmond, Licensing Specialist, at 517-775-2693 to schedule a convenient time and see how you can make a difference in the life of a foster youth, no matter what age.

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LAHR PAC RATINGS

Vote Tuesday, Aug 2, 2016

The Lansing Association for Human Rights Political Action Committee (LAHR-PAC) is an independent political organization registered with the Secretary of State. It is separate and distinct from LAHR. LAHR PAC mailed questionnaires to candidates in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties to get their opinion on issues important to the LGBT community. **None of the Clinton county candidates returned a survey. We encourage you to ask them why.** The ratings for candidates in Ingham and Eaton County are below.

An * means the candidate did not return a questionnaire and the rating is based upon voting record, public statements or other information. If your candidate did not return a questionnaire, please as them why.

An ** means the candidate returned the questionnaire in the past and did not return the questionnaire for this election.

These ratings are current as of June 28th. Updated ratings are available at www.lahronline.org or LAHR PAC on Facebook.

INGHAM COUNTY

CONGRESSIONAL

U.S. House – 8th District (Ingham)

Mike Bishop (Rep) – Very Negative*
Melissa Gilbert (Dem) – Withdrew from race

LEGISLATIVE

State House – 67th (Ingham)

Tom Cochran (Dem) – Very Positive
Alec Findlay (Dem) – Positive
Leon Clark (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Jerry Ketchum (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

State House – 68th (Lansing)

Andy Schor (Dem) – Very Positive
Chris Davenport (Dem) – Positive
Eric Nelson (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Randy Pilon (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

State House – 69th (East Lansing / Meridian)

Sam Singh (Dem) – Extremely Positive
George Nastas (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

LANSING TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor

Diontrae Hayes (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Clerk

Susan Aten (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Treasurer

Leo Rodgers (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Trustee (Vote for not more than 4)

John Broughton (Dem) – Positive
Adam Delay (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Traie Harris (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Marilyn McKenzie (Rep) – Mixed

DELHI TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor

Guy Sweet (Dem) – Positive
Tim Currin (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
John Hayhoe (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Clerk

Evan Hope (Dem) – Very Positive

Township Treasurer

Roy Sweet (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Trustee (Vote for not more than 4)

DiAnne Warfield (Dem) – Very Positive
Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri (Dem) – Positive
Tom Lenard (Dem) – Positive
Patrick Brown (Dem) – Mixed
Stuart Goodrich (Rep) – Mixed
Clarence Michael Hamilton (Dem) – Mixed
Sarah Leitz (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Anthony Markwort (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

These endorsements are by LAHR-PAC and do not necessarily represent the views of City Pulse.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor

Ronald Styka (Dem) – Very Positive
Tom Klunzinger (Rep) – Mixed
Milton Scales (Dem) – Negative*

Township Clerk

Brett Dreyfus (Dem) – Very Positive
Gayelord Mankowski (Dem) – Positive

Township Treasurer

Julie Brixie (Dem) – Very Positive

Township Trustee (Vote for not more than 4)

Brett DeGroff (Dem) – Very Positive
Dan Opsommer (Dem) – Very Positive
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Phil Deschaine (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Patricia Herring Jackson (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Kathy Ann Sundland (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Jared Wilson (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Brian Czubak (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Debra Lee Piper (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

COUNTY-WIDE

Ingham County Prosecutor

Carol Siemon (Dem) – Very Positive
Thomas English (Dem) – Positive
Brian Jackson (Dem) – Positive
Patrick O'Keefe (Dem) – Positive
Billie Jo O'Berry (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Monica Stephens (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Ingham County Sheriff

Scott Wriggelsworth (Dem) – Positive
Eric Trojanowicz (Rep) – Negative

Ingham County Clerk

Barb Byrum (Dem) – Very Positive*
Joseph Werner (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Ingham County Treasurer

Eric Schertzing (Dem) – Very Positive**
Bruce Little (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Ingham County Register of Deeds

Derrick Quinney (Dem) – Very Positive
Gloria Richards (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Ingham County Drain Commissioner

Patrick Lindemann (Dem) – Very Positive**
George Platsis (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

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Allies

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tinue to call him my boyfriend when I have asked you to call him my partner. (We have selected partner as a term to describe each other to make room for my queer identity in our labels. To use boyfriend/girlfriend in our situation would be erasing, well, me.)

Your allyship is hurtful when you out me to people I am not out to yet. This counts for people I do not know. I am still in the coming out process and it is a crime for you to take that moment away from me. (If you are talking about my partner and me and someone who does not know us, and they

question the use of "partner" simply explain that it is a more egalitarian term than "boyfriend/girlfriend").

Your allyship is hurtful when you do not validate girl-girl relationships or encounters as bisexual simply because they are girl-girl.

Your allyship is hurtful when you do not validate girl-boy relationships or encounters as bisexual simply because they are girl-boy.

There are many other reasons you may not be acting your part as an ally, but these are the things that have occurred to me in recent memory.

I love my community and my allies, and I appreciate all of the work that you do on my community's behalf. There are just always things that we can improve and reflect on as a whole.

PAC Ratings

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner 1 (NW Lansing)

Victor Celentino (Dem) – Positive
Louis Cascarelli (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 2 (N Lansing)

Wyatt Ludman (Dem) – Very Positive
Ryan Sebolt (Dem) – Very Positive
Patricia Muscaovalley (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 3 (N Eastside)

Sarah Anthony (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Beverly Hansen (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 4 (Downtown / West)

Bryan Crenshaw (Dem) – Very Positive
Vicki Niklas (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 5 (SE Lansing)

Todd Tennis (Dem) – Very Positive
William Douglas Ames (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 6 (SW Lansing)

Randy Maiville (Rep) – Mixed**
Brandon Currin (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 7 (S Lansing)

Kara Hope (Dem) – Very Positive
Leslie Markwort (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 8 (NW East Lansing)

Mark Grebner (Dem) – Extremely Positive
Christopher McNamara (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 9 (NE East Lans / W Meridian)

Carol Koenig (Dem) – Very Positive**
Ashlyne Borruso (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 10 (Lansing East)

Brian McGrain (Dem) – Extremely Positive
Robert Peña (Dem) – Positive
Janice Harvey (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 11 (N Meridian)

Teri Banas (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Xavier Durand-Hollis (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

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Commsionner 12 (S Meridian)

Deb Nolan (Dem) – Very Positive**
Christopher Pawsat (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Commissioner 13 (Williamston)

Randy Schafer (Rep) – Negative**

Commissioner 14 (S Ingham)

Robin Case Naeyaert (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

EATON COUNTY

CONGRESSIONAL

U.S. House – 7th District (Eaton)

Gretchen Driskell (Dem) – Very Positive
Tim Walberg (Rep) – Very Negative*
Doug North (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

LEGISLATIVE

State House – 65th (Southeast Eaton)

Val Cochran Toops (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Bonnie Johnson (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Brett Roberts (Rep) – Negative*
Robert Commet (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

State House – 71st (Eaton)

Theresa Abed (Dem) – Positive*
Tom Barrett (Rep) – Negative*

DELTA TOWNSHIP

Township Supervisor

Ken Fletcher (Dem) – Very Positive
Joseph Spadafore (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Clerk

Mary Clark (Dem) – Positive

Township Treasurer

Howard Pizzo (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Township Trustee (Vote for not more than 4)

Dennis Fedewa (Dem) – Very Positive
David Arking (Dem) – Positive
Andrea Cascarilla (Dem) – Positive

Deana Newman (Dem) – Positive
Doug Kosinski (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Karen Mojica (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Leslie Denardo (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Linda Marquardt (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Rick Olivarez (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Carah Spadafore (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Eaton County Commissioner District 1

Christine Barnes (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Michael Hosey (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 2

Blake Mulder (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 3

Terrance Augustine (Dem) – Positive**
Jon Shiflett (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 4

Howard Spence (Dem) – Very Positive
Larry Brunette (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Gina Johnsen (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 5

Reid Felsing (Dem) – Positive
John Finn (Dem) – Positive
Jeanne Pearl-Wright (Dem) – Mixed
Mark Sands (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 6

Paulo Gordillo (Dem) – Positive
Jane Whitacre (Dem) – Positive
Andrew Lemke (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 7

Glenn Freeman III (Dem) – Positive**
Frank Egeler (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 8

Joseph Brehler (Dem) – Positive
Max Coon (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Cameron Nathaniel Pickford (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 9

Brian Droscha (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Walter Miars (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 10

Tony Chandler (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Roger Eakin (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 11

Vince Malcangi (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Wayne Ridge (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

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Eaton County Commissioner District 12

Brian Lautzenheiser (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 13

Kent Austin (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 14

Lisa Deavers (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Heather Wood (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire

Eaton County Commissioner District 15

Andy Beck (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire
Barbara Ann Rogers (Rep) – Ignored Questionnaire
Tom Sullivan (Dem) – Ignored Questionnaire



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OUT ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, July 13

MUSIC

Deacon Earl & The Congregation. Live blues, reggae, Americana and more. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Fenner Nature Center, 2020 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-4224, mynaturecenter.org.

DJ Clarinet at Allen Neighborhood Center. 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/MMBY301OmeG.

St. Johns Concert in the Park Series. Original Motown music. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. clintoncountyarts.org.

Tin-Shi Tam, carillonneur. Bell music concert. 6 p.m. FREE. Beaumont Tower, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/4nnpSB.

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

EVENTS

DIY Wind Chimes. Craft using household objects. 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Post-Polio Support Group Meeting. Topic: food intolerance and maintaining health. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Plymouth Congregational Church, 2001 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

Allen Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday. Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon-6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

ARTS

Live Artist Demo: Lily Kostrzewa. Exploration of Chinese brush painting. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400, lansingartgallery.org/popupart.

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Heavy metal



Helen Murphy/City Pulse

Emily Duffelmeyer and her son, Severen Anderson, age 3, discuss the large sculpture "Mosquito" created by team A Mind Of Metal at last year's Scrapfest.

July 15-16

Old Town's latest festival features live music, food vendors, a beer tent — and 9,000 of pounds of scrap metal. ScrapFest, originally part of the Festival of the Moon and Sun, invites local artists to turn piles of discarded metal into works of art.

"ScrapFest is an art sculpture competition, art fair and art auction benefiting artists and the continued mission of the Old Town Commercial Association," said David Such, creative director of Scrapfest and partner at Such Video. "Artists and teams have one hour to collect up to 500 pounds of scrap material donated by Friedland Industries in Old Town. They have two weeks to build whatever they want from the metal they've collected."

Since its debut in 2009, ScrapFest has gone from a festival sideshow to a standalone event that draws thousands of people to Old Town. Last year's event pulled in an estimated 2,500 visitors.

"It became its own standalone event in 2015," Such said. "It was originally paired with the Festival of the Moon and Sun because we were not sure how the event would be received. It was — and continues to

be — embraced by the Lansing and mid-Michigan communities."

Such believes that the success of the event is driven by the quality of the artists it attracts,

"There is one thing that has remained the same year after year for ScrapFest, and that is good art," he said. "It is extremely difficult to create sculpture from scrap in just two weeks, but year after year the artists who embrace this challenge create some of the most imaginative, artful pieces."

Local artist Andrew Sandstedt has competed in ScrapFest every year since its debut in 2009.

"This year I did a big coy fish, about 6 feet tall, with Japanese waves behind it," Sandstedt said. "I usually try to come up with stuff I would put in my own home. I really like Japanese art and organic pieces, so they inspire a lot of my work."

The event culminates in an award ceremony and auction at 7:45 p.m. Saturday. Juried cash prizes are awarded to the top three sculptures, then all the pieces are auctioned off. Half of the proceeds are given to the artists and the other half is donated to the Old Town Commercial

Association. All of the pieces will be on display throughout the festival.

"The pieces are judged by a panel of art professionals, and the top three teams will be awarded," Such said. "The public will be able to cast votes for their favorite, which will receive the Robert Busby People's Choice Award."

"I took second place three years ago, and all the pieces I have done have auctioned," Sandstedt said. "I'm hoping to auction better than last year."

This year, the festival is moving from the Caesar Chavez Plaza to Turner Street. Also new to this year's festival are child-friendly art education activities.

"We would love for the streets of Old Town to be filled with people enjoying art and each other," Such said. "We'd like them to leave with a sense that they live in a community that cares about art and hope that it serves as an inspiration to all."

— KAYLEIGH GARRISON

ScrapFest

6-10 p.m. Friday,
July 15; noon-5 p.m.
Saturday, July 16
FREE
Turner Street, Old
Town, Lansing
(517) 485-4283,
oldtownscrapfest.org

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KATHLEEN & THE BRIDGE STREET BAND AT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



SAT. JULY 16TH

Kathleen Walters

Saturday, July 16 @ Ann Street Plaza, Albert and M.A.C. avenues, East Lansing. All ages, FREE, 7 p.m.

Led by blues vocalist Kathleen Walters, Kathleen & the Bridge Street Band plays "all things blues, soul and R&B." The Lansing-based band's set includes classics from Elmore James, Etta James, Bonnie Raitt, Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder, to name just a few. Saturday, the band plays East Lansing's Summer Concert Series. The free event happens on corner of Albert & M.A.C. avenues; bringing a lawn chair or blanket is suggested. Walters, who got started in the late '90s with her first band, Blues Xpress, has shared stages with the likes of Larry McCray and the Daddy Mack Blues Band. In 2006, she spent time fronting the Blues Junkies, with guitarist Steve Dely and Jon Herrmann (formerly of Steppin' In It) on bass.

JOE BUCK YOURSELF AT THE AVENUE CAFE



FRI. JULY 15TH

Joe Buck Yourself

Friday, July 15 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$5, 8 p.m.

Known for a snarling mix of punk and rockabilly, one-man-band Joe Buck Yourself has developed a cult following across the U.S. The Kentucky native's first serious project was a mid-'90s band called Gringo. The group released a self-titled record in 1995 on Pravda Records. 1997's "Combine" LP saw Buck experimenting further with country and "newgrass" music. By the late '90s, Buck joined up with the Legendary Shack Shakers. On the band's 2003 debut record, "Cockadoodledon't," Buck recorded most of the rhythm section tracks himself. In the following years, Buck also played as sideman and upright bassist for Hank Williams III, but has recently focused on his solo career. The Avenue Café gig also features Cash O'Riley, Jason Dawdy, Blind Merle & His Traveling Band and Clem Barron.

MATT WILLIAMS AT TEQUILA COWBOY



THU. JULY 14TH

Matt Williams

Thursday, July 14 @ Tequila Cowboy (Lansing Mall), 5660 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. \$5, 8:30 p.m.

In promotion of his new single, "Southern Man," contemporary-country artist Matt Williams headlines Thursday at Tequila Cowboy Bar & Grill. The Alabama native debuted last year his first solo disc, "You'll Make Her Cry," a 12-song record funded via a Kickstarter campaign. Williams' interest in music goes back to youth. At 18 months old he was given a drum set and later learned piano. In 2004, Williams enlisted in the Army. In 2010, while serving in Afghanistan, Williams' squad was attacked and two of his close friends were killed. After completing his military service, Williams suffered from PTSD and depression and turned to music to help deal with his issues. "Coping was something that seemed impossible," his bio states. "I directed my life at what I knew best, and that is music."

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT ALLISON@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	American WiFi, 8 p.m.	Joe Buck Yourself, 8 p.m.	
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.		DJ Don Black, 9:30 p.m.		
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Road				Scott Seth, 5 p.m.
Brookshire, 205 W. Church St.			Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Uprizin, 7 p.m.
Buddies - Holt, 2040 N. Aurelius Road	Bill Strickler, 5:30 p.m.			
Colonial Bar 3425 S. Martin Luther King Blvd		Open Mic, 9 p.m.		
Champions, 2440 N. Cedar St.	Karaoke, 8 p.m.	Lee Groove, 7 p.m.		
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.		Blue Haired Bettys, 6 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Jason Thompson, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Esquire, 1250 Turner St.	Karaoke with DJ Jamie, 9 p.m.		DJ Brandon, 9 p.m.	DJ Lena, 10 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Live Blues w/ The Good Cookies, 7 p.m.	Mike Skory & Friends, 8:30 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 9:30 p.m.	Smooth Daddy, 9:30 p.m.
Fieldhouse, 213 Ann St.		Reggae Lou, 6 p.m.		
Grand Cafe/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	"Johnny D" Blues Night, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Soulstice, 9:30 p.m.	Charley Horse, 9:30 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.			Alistar, 6 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.
Leroys, 1526 S. Cedar St.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.		Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Intronaut, 7 p.m.	VITU vs. V2, 8 p.m.	
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.				Beyond The Fallout, 6 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	DJ Trivia @ 7pm / Mr. Harrison, 9 p.m.	Saltbound, 9 p.m.	From Big Sur, 9 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Alistar, 7 p.m.	Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Jerry Sprague, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 7 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Jacob Ford, 7 p.m.	Don Middlebrook & Rush Clement, 7 p.m.	New Rule, 7 p.m.	Ronnie Hernandez, 7 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Steve Cowles, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 7 p.m.	Lisa B. & the Backbeats, 7 p.m.	Joe Persico, 7 p.m.
Tavern & Tap, 101 S. Washington Square	Tavern House Jazz Band, 7:30 p.m.			
Tequila Cowboy, 5660 W. Saginaw Hwy.		Matt Williams, 8:30 p.m.	Hoosier Highway, 7:30 p.m.	Hoosier Highway, 7:30 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Fragment of Soul, 9 p.m.	Fragment of Sol, 9 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Mark Sala, 8 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capitol City DJs, 10 p.m.
Waterfront Bar and Grill, 325 City Market Dr.	Mike Skory Patio Blues, 6 p.m.	Oxymorons, 8 p.m.	Joe Wright, 6 p.m.	

Out on the town

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CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed step meeting. 6 p.m. Donations. Pennsylvania Ave. Church of God, 3500 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 899-3215.

Neighborhood Camps. Free daily art camps for all ages. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

Stress Less with Mindfulness. Tips for managing stress. 6-7 p.m. \$20 for four sessions. Scholarships available. Michigan State University Extension,, 551 Courthouse Drive, Charlotte. (517) 543-2310.

Thursday, July 14

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Lunch at the Senior Center. Call day before to order meal. Noon-1 p.m. \$5.75/\$3 suggested donation for ages 60 and up. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045, meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrhc.com.

Neighborhood Camps. Free daily art camps for all ages. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

Celebrate Recovery. For all hurts and hang-ups.

6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

Improvisational Dance. Movement-based dance class for ages 12 to adult. 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$54.

Ruhala Performing Arts Center, 1846 Haslett Road, East Lansing. (517) 337-0464, ruhalacenter.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

MUSIC

Acoustic Lunch: Tom Mason and The Blue

Buccaneers. Medley of diverse styles performed.

12:30-1:30 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Barb Barton House Concert. Michigan folk icon performs. 7 p.m. \$10. Turner-Dodge House, 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-4220.

Episode. Rock band Episode plays show benefiting disabled veterans and families. 7-11 p.m. FREE. VFW Club Post 6132, 3104 W. St. Joseph St., Lansing. (517) 372-2052, episoderocks.com.

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

THEATER

Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet).

Zany comedy about a professor's Shakespeare thesis. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

[title of show]. Meta-musical about making a play. 8 p.m. \$20/\$15 seniors and students. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.

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JULY 14–AUGUST 21 >> 'SUMMER RETREAT' AT WILLIAMSTON THEATRE

When three college friends reunite at the cottage where they spent many of their summers, their old shenanigans and chaos return as well. Directed by Suzi Regan, Williamston Theatre's production of "Summer Retreat" is a light-hearted comedy that explores the bonds of friendship and how far people are willing to go to protect another's secrets. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday (no 3 p.m. show July 16); 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$15/\$10 students; \$2 senior/military discount. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St. Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 14 >> BARB BARTON AT TURNER-DODGE HOUSE

A fixture in the Michigan folk scene since the late '80s, Barb Barton stops at Turner-Dodge House Thursday for an intimate performance in the historic house's music room. The singer/songwriter, known for her percussive guitar style, will play songs from her five solo albums, as well as new material. 7 p.m. \$10. Dodge Mansion. 100 E. North St., Lansing. (517) 483-2125.

THURSDAY, JULY 14 >> NORTH WASHINGTON WALKING TOUR

If you've ever driven by the grand old houses on North Washington Avenue and thought "When were these houses built?" or "I wonder who lived in that house," the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will attempt to sate your curiosity with a walking tour Thursday. Led by Historical Society President and City Pulse book reviewer Bill Castanier, the tour includes several houses built by noted Lansing architect Darius Moon. The tour will last about 90 minutes and cover four to six city blocks; comfortable shoes and a water bottle are recommended. 7 p.m. FREE. Tour meets at the Creyts House on the corner of North Washington and Oakland avenues, Lansing. (517) 282-0671, lansinghistory.org.

Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

July 13-19

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Upcoming adventures might make you more manly if you are a woman. If you are a man, the coming escapades could make you more womanly. How about if you're trans? Odds are that you'll become even more gender fluid. I am exaggerating a bit, of course. The transformations I'm referring to may not be visible to casual observers. They will mostly unfold in the depths of your psyche. But they won't be merely symbolic, either. There'll be mutations in your biochemistry that will expand your sense of your own gender. If you respond enthusiastically to these shifts, you will begin a process that could turn you into an even more complete and attractive human being than you already are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I'll name five heroic tasks you will have more than enough power to accomplish in the next eight months. 1. Turning an adversary into an ally. 2. Converting a debilitating obsession into a empowering passion. 3. Transforming an obstacle into a motivator. 4. Discovering small treasures in the midst of junk and decay. 5. Using the unsolved riddles of childhood to create a living shrine to eternal youth. 6. Gathering a slew of new freedom songs, learning them by heart, and singing them regularly — especially when habitual fears rise up in you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your life has resemblances to a jigsaw puzzle that lies unassembled on a kitchen table. Unbeknownst to you, but revealed to you by me, a few of the pieces are missing. Maybe your cat knocked them under the refrigerator, or they fell out of their storage box somewhere along the way. But this doesn't have to be a problem. I believe you can mostly put together the puzzle without the missing fragments. At the end, when you're finished, you may be tempted to feel frustration that the picture's not complete. But that would be illogical perfectionism. Ninety-seven-percent success will be just fine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are smoothly attuned with the cosmic rhythms and finely aligned with your unconscious wisdom, you could wake up one morning and find that a mental block has miraculously crumbled, instantly raising your intelligence. If you can find it in your proud heart to surrender to "God," your weirdest dilemma will get at least partially solved during a magical three-hour interlude. And if you are able to forgive 50 percent of the wrongs that have been done to you in the last six years, you will no longer feel like you're running into a strong wind, but rather you'll feel like the beneficiary of a strong wind blowing in the same direction you're headed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): How often have you visited hell or the suburbs of hell during the last few weeks? According to my guesstimates, the time you spent there was exactly the right amount. You got the teachings you needed most, including a few tricks about how to steer clear of hell in the future. With this valuable information, you will forevermore be smarter about how to avoid unnecessary pain and irrelevant hindrances. So congratulations! I suggest you celebrate. And please use your new-found wisdom as you decline one last invitation to visit the heart of a big, hot mess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): My friend Athena works as a masseuse. She says that the highest praise she can receive is drool. When her clients feel so sublimely serene that threads of spit droop out of their mouths, she knows she's in top form. You might trigger responses akin to drool in the coming weeks, Virgo. Even if you don't work as a massage therapist, I think it's possible you'll provoke rather extreme expressions of approval, longing, and curiosity. You will be at the height of your power to inspire potent feelings in those you encounter. In light of this situation, you might want to wear a small sign or button that reads, "You have my permission to drool freely."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The latest Free Will

Astrology poll shows that thirty-three percent of your friends, loved ones, and acquaintances approve of your grab for glory. Thirty-eight percent disapprove, eighteen percent remain undecided, and eleven percent wish you would grab for even greater glory. As for me, I'm aligned with the eleven-percent minority. Here's what I say: Don't allow your quest for shiny breakthroughs and brilliant accomplishments to be overly influenced by what people think of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are at the pinnacle of your powers to both hurt and heal. Your turbulent yearnings could disrupt the integrity of those whose self-knowledge is shaky, even as your smoldering radiance can illuminate the darkness for those who are lost or weak. As strong and confident as I am, even I would be cautious about engaging your tricky intelligence. Your piercing perceptions and wild understandings might either undo me or vitalize me. Given these volatile conditions, I advise everyone to approach you as if you were a love bomb or a truth fire or a beauty tornado.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Here's the deal: I will confess a dark secret from my past if you confess an equivalent secret from yours. Shall I go first? When I first got started in the business of writing horoscope columns, I contributed a sexed-up monthly edition to a porn magazine published by smut magnate Larry Flynt. What's even more scandalous is that I enjoyed doing it. OK. It's your turn. Locate a compassionate listener who won't judge you harshly, and unveil one of your subterranean mysteries. You may be surprised at how much psychic energy this will liberate. (For extra credit and emancipation, spill two or even three secrets.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What do you want to be when you grow up, Capricorn? What? You say you are already all grown up, and my question is irrelevant? If that's your firm belief, I will ask you to set it aside for now. I'll invite you to entertain the possibility that maybe some parts of you are not in fact fully mature; that no matter how ripe you imagine yourself to be, you could become even riper — an even more gorgeous version of your best self. I will also encourage you to immerse yourself in a mood of playful fun as you respond to the following question: "How can I activate and embody an even more complete version of my soul's code?"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): On a summer day 20 years ago, I took my five-year-old daughter Zoe and her friend Max to the merry-go-round in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Zoe jumped on the elegant golden-maned lion and Max mounted the wild blue horse. Me? I climbed aboard the humble pig. Its squat pink body didn't seem designed for rapid movement. Its timid gaze was fixed on the floor in front of it. As the man who operated the ride came around to see if everyone was in place, he congratulated me on my bold choice. Very few riders preferred the porker, he said. Not glamorous enough. "But I'm sure I will arrive at our destination as quickly and efficiently as everyone else," I replied. Your immediate future, Aquarius, has symbolic resemblances to this scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Early on in our work together, my psychotherapist confessed that she only works with clients whose problems are interesting to her. In part, her motivations are selfish: Her goal is to enjoy her work. But her motivations are also altruistic. She feels she's not likely to be of service to anyone with whom she can't be deeply engaged. I understand this perspective, and am inclined to make it more universal. Isn't it smart to pick all our allies according to this principle? Every one of us is a mess in one way or another, so why not choose to blend our fates with those whose messiness entertains us and teaches us the most? I suggest you experiment with this view in the coming weeks and months, Pisces.

Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Breznsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT MESSAGE HOROSCOPES. The audio horoscopes are also available by phone at 1-877-873-4888 or 1-900-950-7700.

Out on the town

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Summer Retreat. Comedy about college buddies reuniting. 8 p.m. Pay-what-you-can Night. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

EVENTS

Beal Botanical Garden Tour. Topic: Historical Food Plants of American Indian Cultures and Nations. 12:10-12:50 p.m. FREE. Beal Botanical Gardens, 408 W. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-0901.

Build-Your-Own Taco Bar Fundraiser. Proceeds support the 8th grade government trip to Washington D.C. 4-7 p.m. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing. (517) 374-5700.
Genot 'Winter Elk' Picor. Storyteller, musician and dancer performs. 6:30-7 p.m. Grand Ledge City Hall, 310 Greenwood St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-7014.

Mason Codependents Anonymous. A fellowship to develop healthy relationships. 7-8 p.m. FREE. Mason First Church of the Nazarene, 415 E. Maple

St., Mason. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.
Spanish Conversation. All levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

ARTS

Drop-In Coloring Group. Supplies provided for adults to color. 6-7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. elpl.org.

Friday, July 15

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Mud & Mug. Pottery class. 7-10 p.m. \$25. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. (517) 999-3643, reachstudioart.org.

MUSIC

The Coffeehouse at All Saints. Musical/spoken word showcase. 7:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. All Saints Episcopal Church, 800 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 402-2582, ow.ly/XeLKP.

The Scratch Pilots Present: Get Busy Fridays. Featuring DJ's: McCoy, Don Black & DJ Psycho. Ages 21 and up. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3. The RIV,

231 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing.
Middle School Band Camp Concert. Students perform. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE. Fairchild Theatre, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing. cms.msu.edu.

THEATER

Freakshow Film Festival. Weekly horror films and entertainment. 10 p.m.-midnight. \$5. Eaton Theater, 235 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte. ow.ly/ChRF3021EA7.
Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet). Zany comedy about a professor's Shakespeare thesis. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.
From Earth to the Universe. Planetarium show about the history of astronomy. 8-9 p.m. \$4/\$3 kids. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4672, abramsplanetarium.org.
[title of show]. Meta-musical about making a play. 8 p.m. \$20/\$15 seniors and students. Miller Performing Arts Center, 6025 Curry Lane, Lansing. peppermintcreek.org.
Summer Retreat. Comedy about college buddies reuniting. 8 p.m. \$15. Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-7469, williamstontheatre.com.

EVENTS

Howl at the Moon: Guided Night Walk. 3-mile-long walk. Dogs welcome. 9-10 p.m. \$3. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Meridian Township. (517) 349-3866, bit.ly/HNCprg.
Water Fun and Safety. Learn tips and skills through activities with water safety expert. 2-4 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Family Aquatic Center, 6400 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Saturday, July 16

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Flower Arranging. Make and take home a bouquet. RSVP required. 12:30-2 p.m. \$5-10 suggested donation. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. ow.ly/KoxG3021H8b.
Lansing Area Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group. Info and support for patients. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE. Sparrow Professional Building, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 393-9747.
Tai Chi at the Park. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 400 S. Holmes St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

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JULY 7-17 >> 'GOODNIGHT DESDEMONA (GOOD MORNING, JULIET)' AT OVER THE LEDGE THEATRE CO.

In the latest offering from Grand Ledge's Over the Ledge Theatre Co., a downtrodden assistant professor sets out to prove a difficult thesis: two of Shakespeare's tragedies were originally comedies. In this comedic tale about a woman defying the odds, the protagonist is led down a series of historical rabbit holes while trying to discover the bard's original intentions. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10/\$8 seniors/\$6 students. The Ledges Playhouse, 137 Fitzgerald Park Drive, Grand Ledge. (517) 318-0579, overtheledge.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 15 >> 'THE MIGHTY DUCKS' AT TURNER STREET OUTDOOR THEATER

Get your family into the "Flying V" formation and fly over to Old Town Friday for a night of family-friendly entertainment. Turner Street Outdoor Theater kicks off its summer outdoor movie series with the Disney hockey classic, "The Mighty Ducks." After Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez) gets arrested for drunk driving, he finds himself coaching a ragtag kids hockey team for community service. Local rockers Jason Alarm perform before the film. The series continues July 22 with "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and music by Monte Pride and July 29 with "Space Jam" and music by DJ Cutt Nice. 9-11:30 p.m. FREE. City Lot 56/Cesar Chavez Plaza, intersection of Grand River Avenue and Turner Street. iloveoldtown.org.

SUDOKU

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TO PLAY

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

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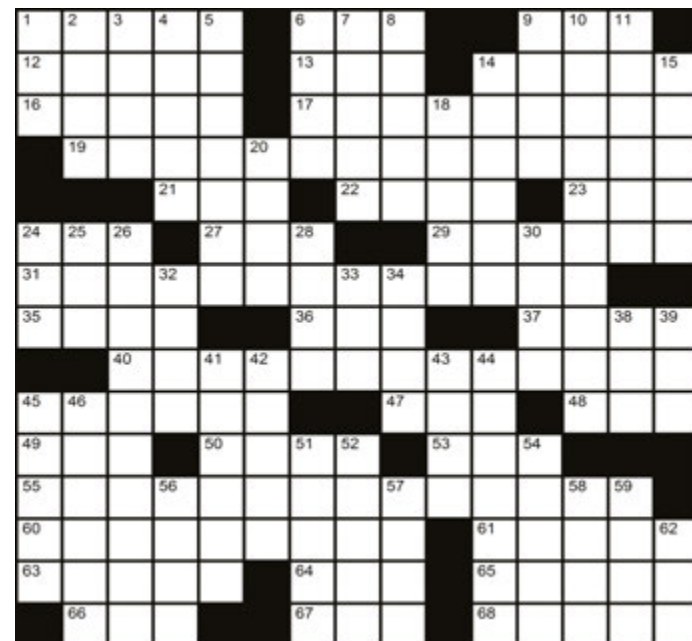
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Brexit"—but we were just getting started...
 Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Napoleon Dynamite's pal
- 6 "___ Degree" (Morningwood song)
- 9 ___ in "apple"
- 12 Crop circle creator, supposedly
- 13 Browning's "before"
- 14 Deliver ___ to (send reeling)
- 16 Armbones
- 17 Darkish apparel option
- 19 "I want every non-war symbol you got" request?
- 21 Hot roofing material
- 22 "Slammin' Sammy" of baseball
- 23 Pointer
- 24 Fireplace residue
- 27 Authorize
- 29 "The Plough and the Stars" playwright Sean
- 31 Method of accentuating poker hands?
- 35 Baymax's friend, in a Disney movie
- 36 "___ little rusty ..."
- 37 Cotton-pickin'
- 40 All-poultry production of a Steinbeck novel?
- 45 Rhythmically keep time with, maybe
- 47 "Schnookie-wookums"
- 48 .org relative
- 49 Dashed off
- 50 Fashion designer Gernreich
- 53 Pot-bellied pet
- 55 Ability to tell one conjunction from another?
- 60 Movie buff
- 61 Drive forward
- 63 Door openers
- 64 Dissenting votes



- 65 Rhode Island-based insurance company
- 66 "Isn't that cute?" sounds
- 67 Understood
- 68 Potato soup ingredients

Down

- 1 Spanish-born NBA star ___ Gasol
- 2 "Cosmo" competitor
- 3 "Saw" actress Meyer
- 4 Lose one's poker face
- 5 Symbol that looks like January 2nd?
- 6 Soft ball maker
- 7 Horses' paces
- 8 Chant in the Ramones' "Blitzkrieg Bop"
- 9 Xavier Cugat's ex-wife Lane
- 10 With everything on the line

- 11 Voice actress Kath of "Dexter's Laboratory," "Rugrats," and "Animaniacs"
- 14 Silky wool source
- 15 Teary-eyed
- 18 "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
- 20 Sandwich after a sandwich?
- 24 "That hits the spot"
- 25 Poli ___ (college major)
- 26 Right this second
- 28 Small combo
- 30 "For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)" band
- 32 Lava, for one
- 33 Dominique Strauss-Kahn's former org.
- 34 Austrian physicist Ernst
- 38 Ludd from whom Luddites got their name
- 39 African antelope
- 41 Causes of some infections
- 42 Move emotionally
- 43 Pueblo Revolt tribe
- 44 Monogram character
- 45 Sidewalk issue
- 46 Pacific Ocean phenomenon of lower water temperatures
- 51 "That's the cost of ___ business"
- 52 Water-based abode
- 54 "I want!"
- 56 Some "Gods and Generals" extras
- 57 Home that gets lined
- 58 TV kid who said, "Pa, just what can you do with a grown woman?"
- 59 Scarf target
- 62 Word with Palmas or Vegas



REO BREW SCHOOL

Courtesy Photo

Andrew Alexander (left) and Ari Levinsohn at the Lansing Beer Fest last month. The duo recently founded REO Brew School, a home brewing class that opened in REO Town.

By ALLAN I. ROSS

Over the last four years, the commercial craft beer industry has emerged as both a prominent feature of Metro Lansing's social scene as well as a budding force in the improving economy. Brewing begets capital equipment purchases, real estate development, employment opportunities and retail beer and merchandise sales. It also enables the rise of side industries, such as home brewing shops, beer festivals and suds-centric podcasts and websites.

The latest addition is **REO Brew School**, a one-day beer class created by two middle school teachers. REO Brew School was designed to appeal to curiosity seekers and potential brewmasters alike, teaching the basics of home brewing and cultivating an appreciation for beer culture.

"We're not looking to quit (teaching), but this works out well as a part-time job," said Ari Levinsohn, who founded the business with his Holt Junior High School colleague, Andrew Alexander. "I've been brewing for a few years, and I tend to get obsessed with things and go all in. Opening a brewery wasn't in the cards, so this is a good outlet for me."

Levinsohn, 36, and Alexander, 47, learned of each other's interest in home brewing at a staff party; Levinsohn teaches math and science and Alexander teaches social studies. Alexander said that the two of them have a natural chemistry that makes for a good

balance, with Levinsohn focusing on the science of the brewing process, while Alexander gets more into the history and the stories behind the different types of beers and ingredients.

"We're the artist and the scientist," Alexander said. "Ari has temperature control down to a tenth of a degree and built his own fermentation chambers. I just use a turkey fryer and a hope and a prayer. The great thing about brewing is that you don't really need a lot of equipment and it can still come out good."

The duo launched their venture out of an empty storefront in REO Town's growing retail district. Levinsohn's brother, Reuben Levinson, owns the building, and allowed them to use it before the new tenant, **Blue Owl Coffee**, moves in later this summer. (More info on that coming soon). They'll continue to use the space when Blue Owl opens.

"We got lucky with that," Levinsohn said. "We do the actual brewing outside in the back, and the fermenting is all done in the basement, so we really don't take up that much space. It's a pretty good business model."

They held their first class in March and have held three more since then, including a demonstration at the Lansing Beer Fest last month. For now, they only offer one class per month, which runs \$99 for a student brewer and \$49 for each additional friend, with a limit of four. That fee covers the price of all ingredients and the lesson itself. Levinsohn and Alexander go over

the basics of home brewing, including what role each ingredient plays in the brewing and hints and strategies for customizing a particular beer. Then they walk the students through the creation of the wort (the liquid mash that makes up a batch of beer), which takes about two hours.

"It's good for someone who's looking to get into brewing but is hesitant because it seems daunting. But it's also good for someone looking for a fun outing with their friends," Levinsohn said. "Andrew and I have a lot of fun with this, and we try to share that. Everyone keeps saying how much easier and fun this was than they thought it would be. The phrase we keep hearing is, 'I don't know what I waited for.'"

Classes are held outside under a tent in a shared outdoor space with business neighbor, **Saddleback BBQ**. "When the beer starts brewing and the barbecue starts smoking, it smells incredible back there," Levinsohn said. "It's been a little hot this summer, but it should be a lot more comfortable in the fall and winter. It's much nicer to brew when it's a little colder."

At the end of each class, the batch is sealed and taken to the basement, where it's left to ferment for two weeks. After that, students return to learn the bottling process. If they can't make it back, Levinsohn and Alexander will bottle it for them. Either way, participants get to keep the batches they helped make. Alexander hopes the classes inspires students to buy their own gear and start brewing at home.

"It's kind of a weird business model, because you don't get repeat customers," he said. "Our goal isn't to make money, though. We just want to spread this idea of home brewing to get more people involved."

Alexander said he and Levinsohn have already been contacted by local breweries about holding on-site classes. They've also received sponsorship from **Red Salamander**, the Grand Ledge-based home beer- and wine-making supply store. Red Salamander offers all REO Brew School participants 10 percent discounts on all equipment, ingredients and other in-store purchases.

"Lansing has a really good brewing community that doesn't get enough credit," Alexander said. "Eventually, it would be neat to do something more in-depth with this, but with Ari's and my background, teaching seems to be the best way to be involved. For now, we're just seeing what happens, having fun, and making beer."

REO Brew School
1149 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
Classes by appointment only
(517) 204-7428,
facebook.com/reobrewschool

Out on the town

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p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Have a support system, lose weight. Wheelchair accessible. Weigh-in 6:30, meeting 7 p.m. FREE first visit. St. Therese Church, 102 W. Randolph St., Lansing. tops.org.

Yawn Patrol Toastmasters. Learn public speaking. 7-8:30 a.m. Studio 1210 Place, 1210 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 859-2086, yawnpatrol.com.

MUSIC

Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. 7-10 p.m. FREE.

Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Jennifer Lewis with Family & Friends. 10 p.m.-

2 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Soprano Rachael Gates: Vintage Cabaret and Art Song. Concert aboard the Michigan Princess.

6:30-8 p.m. \$20. Grand River Park, 3001 Lansing Road, Lansing. (616) 292-1884, facebook.com/miprincessclassical.

Sit in with the Band. 8-11 p.m. Reno's East, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing. (517) 881-8125, kathyfordband.com.

EVENTS

Capital Area Crisis Rugby Practice. All levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2125 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing. crisisrfc.com.

Knitting and Crochet Group. All skill levels and ages welcome. 11 a.m.-noon. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

Rat Pack Tuesday. \$5 classic cocktails and Frank Sinatra party. 4-11 p.m. FREE. American Fifth Spirits, 112 N. Larch St., Lansing. (517) 999-2631. ow.ly/lrwV3021VBG.

Wednesday, July 20

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Starting a Business. Intro course on managing a company. Call or register online. 9-11 a.m. FREE. Small Business Development Center, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 110, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcmichigan.org.

MUSIC

Ray McLellan, MSU Carillonist. Concert from MSU carillonist. 6-7 p.m. FREE. Beaumont Tower, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340, ow.ly/4nqXTI.

St. Johns Concert in the Park Series. Full Symphony Orchestra in concert. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

EVENTS

Greater Lansing Food Bank/Garden Project Community Garden Tour. Garden tours via bus and bike. 5-8 p.m. \$1-\$20 donation suggested.

Foster Park Resource Center, 2401 Marcus St., Lansing. (517) 853-7809, ow.ly/4RL2301GL5e.

Happendance at Allen Farmers Market.

Performance at market. 5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, ow.ly/v5523021Ww7.

Insurance and Liability Coverage with Greg

White. Topic: dwelling and flood insurance and more. 10 a.m.-noon. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 367-2468, allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Allen Farmers Market. Locally grown, baked and prepared foods. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

ICACS Whisker Wednesday.

Pet adoptions. All animals spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Noon-6 p.m. Ingham County Animal Control, 600 Curtis St., Mason. (517) 676-8370.

Practice Your English. All skill levels welcome. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

See you later, Mr. Coffee

Cold brewing offers summer options for coffee drinkers

By CALLIE OPPER

For centuries, Americans have made coffee in more or less the same way: running boiling water through ground coffee beans. But a growing number of coffee makers and boutique coffee houses are offering an option for warm weather coffee drinkers: cold brew coffee.

"It's definitely a summer drink; we go through it like crazy," said Cara Nader, owner of Strange Matter Coffee Co. on Michigan Ave. "No one seems to be buying hot coffee anymore."

As the name suggests, cold brew coffee is made without hot water, which lengthens the preparation time. Most hot brewed coffee takes less than four minutes, whereas cold brew coffee is made by steeping coffee grounds in cold water for hours.

"We let each batch steep for 22 hours," said Jared Field, co-founder and head roaster at Bloom Coffee Roasters.

The coffee roasting business, which opened its Old Town café space last week, has been selling its coffee beans online and through retail outlets for two years. It serves cold brew coffee by the cup in its café and by the bottle at several local shops. Field's cold brew coffee uses a mix of beans from Guatemala, Colombia and Ethiopia.

"We've found a blend of these amazing coffees that tastes just as good, or superior, to hot coffee," Field said.

Cold brewing changes the flavor profile of coffee by removing much of the bitterness and acidity that comes with hot brewing.

"Because it doesn't change temperature very much, the acids that cause bitterness don't break down in cold brew," Field said.



Ty Forquer/City Pulse

Strange Matter Coffee Co. barista Peter Hochstedler pours a cold brew coffee. The shop also offers nitro coffee, a creamy, beer-like coffee served on tap.

"You can enjoy the same bottle of cold brew throughout an entire day without any degradation of flavor."

But the taste is still more similar to a traditional cup of joe than a cold espresso drink like an iced latte or Frappuccino.

"I'd recommend cold brew to black coffee drinkers," Nader said.

"It's unadulterated," added Field, "But it's still delicious."

Even the process of grinding the beans is different for cold brewing. Ground coffee for cold brewing is coarser than that used in hot brewing. Although sanitation is important for both hot and cold brewing, cold brewing requires some special attention. Cold brew batches are more likely to mold, due to the longer brewing time.

There is a variety of cold brew coffees on the market, and consumers should be careful to read the labels. Cold brew concentrate is an intense version of cold brew coffee, designed to be mixed with water or milk, with a higher level of caffeine. Most cold brew products, however, are made to be consumed straight from the bottle, with

caffeine levels comparable to a cup of hot coffee.

"That's why we're so precise about the amount of time we brew our cold brew," Field said. "We don't want to over-caffeinate someone to the point where they might be sick."

Strange Matter also offers nitro coffee, a version of cold brewed coffee infused with nitrogen. Nitro coffee is brewed for 24 to 26 hours, then transferred to a keg pressurized with nitrogen and poured from a tap like a beer. The result is a richer, creamier tasting coffee that tastes like a stout — it even produces a foamy head that looks like a beer. Strange Matter plays up this similarity, serving its nitro coffee in 10-ounce pilsner glasses.

While Lansing's taste for cold brew

seems to be driven by the summer heat, Nader sees the increased interest as a nationwide trend.

"One of the reasons it's become so popular is marketing," Nader said. "There has been a huge push for roasters to mass produce cold brew."

But even with the push for mass-market products, Field sees a competitive advantage for small roasters.

"We have the opportunity to create a community around our products and our brand and the ability to bring highly focused products to the customers." Field said, "The beans used in our cold-brew can be traced directly to a specific lot on a specific farm in a specific growing region, giving us the ability to brew in small batches to guarantee consistency."

TOP FIVE DINING GUIDE!

TOP 5 BREAKFAST

#1 GOLDEN HARVEST

Legendary Old Town diner known for loud music, off-kilter decor and creative breakfast offerings
1625 Turner St., Lansing.
(517) 485-3663
7 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

2211 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

(517) 267-7606
thefleetwooddiner.com
Open 24 hours Sunday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

#2 SOUP SPOON CAFE

City Pulse readers love Soup Spoon's breakfast options, soups and sandwiches
1419 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 316-2377
soupspooncafe.com
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 CREOLE COFFEE CO.

Sister-restaurant to The Creole that specializes in breakfast, lunch and Sunday brunch.
1216 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 371-1361
thecreolelansing.com/creole-coffee-co
8 a.m.-2 p.m. daily

#3 FLEETWOOD DINER

Twenty-four hour diner famous for its Hippie Hash

#5 GOOD TRUCKIN' DINER

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T.N.T — The Vault Delicatessen

The Vault Delicatessen named its T.N.T sandwich after a former employee of the Mason eatery. I prefer to imagine that it's named after late, great jazz musicians Thelonious Monk, Nat Adderley and Tony Scott. The tastes of the T.N.T sandwich perfectly mesh like a well seasoned jazz trio.

My first tiny taste thrilled my tongue, much like my ears might be enthused by an explosion from an eclectic musical combo. The first bite told me the T.N.T was no ordinary sandwich.

It has a unique blend of artichoke spread, sweet dill mustard and red onion that harmonizes with melted Muenster and Sherwood cheddar cheeses. The

whole thing is garnished with fresh lettuce and tomato and held together with a flavorful, herb-seeded crusty bread.

The Vault Delicatessen
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday
368 S. Jefferson St., Mason
(517) 676-2696, thevaultdeli.com

The combination is tangy and mild, sweet and sharp, crunchy and soft, all at once. These ingredients are would be good as solo items, but together they make an orchestral delight.

The only downside to this swingin' amalgamation is that I learned the hard way that T.N.T is best enjoyed inside the cozy deli or on the nearby Mason Courthouse lawn and not in the passenger seat of a moving car. The somewhat fragile sandwich leaks yummy juices all over, which is not ideal for mobile dining.

The Vault's sandwiches are usually



served with a side of mixed greens and croutons. I opted for an old-style monster dill pickles instead. To me, that was the perfect accompaniment for a lunch I was truly, well, jazzed about.

— David Winkelstern



What's your favorite dish/drink?

Do you have a go-to dish or drink at your favorite local restaurant? We want to know about it. Email your favorite dish/drink and a short explanation about why you love it to food@lansingcitypulse.com, and it may be featured in a future issue. If possible, please send a photo along with your description — a nice smartphone photo is fine. Cheers!

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