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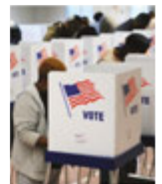
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by TOM TOMORROW

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Neighborhood leaders speak

What the next mayor needs to know: Fix the roads

“The roads are really crappy,” declared Linda Appling, president of the Lansing Eaton Neighborhood Association. “The corridor roads, they are just impassable.”

Appling is not alone in that view, but Lansing’s mayoral candidates don’t appear to have a concrete plan to address the ongoing crisis of the city’s crumbling infrastructure.

Roads are just one of the key issues eight leaders from seven neighborhood groups identified earlier this month in a focus group with City Pulse. The meeting was led by Mitch Crank, a local professional facilitator. The purpose: to identify the issues candidates need to address from the bottom up as the Aug. 8 primary election for mayor and half of the City Council approaches.

When Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero leave office Jan. 1 after 12 years, his successor will face a series of issues. Key among them, in the view of neighborhood leaders: fixing roads, effectively harnessing neighborhoods and parks to build community and unleashing the city’s code compliance to bring more of the city’s aging housing stock and empty commercial areas up to code.

Addressing the city’s issues will be a tall order for a new mayor and at least two new City Council members. They are problems Bernero and the Council have struggled to address for years while trying to maintain a balanced budget in the face of the Great Recession. The recession, combined with more than a decade and half of gutted state revenue sharing, left city coffers near empty, requiring Sophie’s choices over which city priorities got funded and by how much.

The hour and half discussion in the boardroom of Lansing Community College laid bare a sense that the city itself was not on the right path, while generally the neighborhoods were coming together and building cohesive communities. Leaders made clear the state of the city’s roads was the overwhelming issue.

Road woes

“The streets need to be repaired,” said Appling. She represents an area of the city west of Waverly Road snuggled just inside Eaton County but still in the city boundaries.

That observation matches concerns expressed by voters in a poll by the Lan-

sing Regional Chamber of Commerce in March. Sixty percent of voters said the priority issue was fixing Lansing’s infrastructure. It was the number one concern of voters, topping issues like jobs and the economy, neighborhoods and marijuana.

City records also show over 62 percent of the roads are considered poor as rated using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating — PASER — system. That’s 258.57 miles of Lansing roads in that condition. Only 30.51 miles, or just over 7 percent, of the city’s roads are rated good under the system.

But replacing roads is expensive. It costs approximately \$1 million a mile to fully replace a road. Resurfacing Michigan Avenue from Pennsylvania to U.S. 127 last year cost \$300,000 — but that’s only a temporary fix to smooth the bumpy ride the pothole-ridden stretch had become.

Bernero has proposed an additional 1 mill property tax levy to finance road and sidewalk repair — that will bring in an additional \$1.8 million a year. That’s on top of a 1 mill levy renewed by voters last year. But despite assurances that money would be used for fire and safety as well as roads, the Bernero administration has dipped into the fund to finance basic road upkeep like snow plowing, street sweeping and pothole patching.

On a state level, the Legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder have approved new gas taxes to fund road improvements, but the vast majority of that cash won’t be available until 2021, leaving municipalities like Lansing struggling.

Councilwoman Judi Brown Clarke, who is running for mayor, said, “Fixing the roads in Lansing will be one of my top priorities.”

State Rep. Andy Schor, the other leading candidate, also recognizes that roads are a priority, “We can’t fix them all in one year,” he said, “but we can identify neighborhood by neighborhood what the priorities are for those neighbors and try and fund the priorities.”

That, he said, would include showing Lansing residents which roads and sidewalks are getting fixed and at what cost.

Brown Clarke said she supports Bernero’s road millage, while Schor said he would leave it up to the voters to decide.

But the reality is, the city doesn’t have — and won’t have — the cash necessary to



LINDA APPLING
Lansing Eaton
Neighborhood
Association

“The roads are really crappy.”



CYNTHIA LOCKINGTON
“Sycamore Park
Neighborhood
Association

“It’s like a war zone”



NANCY PARSONS
Mahlow Eastside
Neighborhood Orga-
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“[Code Compliance] should never have been put under the fire department.”



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“Why are we going to sell our parks?”



MELISSA JEFFRIES
Coachlight Com-
mons

“Coachlight Commons is an area that I feel that has been left behind.”



TRACY PICKERING
Downtown
Neighborhood
Association

“Community relationships are built in communal spaces.”



PATTY FARHAT
Lewton Rich
Neighborhood
Association

“I love our code compliance and the people that work there work really hard, but they need more people.”



ROCK HUDSON
Downtown
Neighborhood
Association

Marijuana regulations “will probably turn out to be like liquor where the state decides how many licenses you get.”

fix the roads properly, Brown Clark noted.

“Due to the inadequate level of state infrastructure funding, our engineering assessment estimated that it will cost more than \$25 million to restore our neighborhood sidewalks, and an additional \$211 million to restore city streets just to an average condition,” she said.

Neither candidate has a clear plan to raise \$236 million for sidewalk and road improvements. The entire 2017-2018 budget is \$207.6 million.

A change in style

Leaders also said they wanted a new

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Roads

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style of leadership after 12 years of “America’s Angriest Mayor.” Bernero’s my-way-or-the-highway style combined with his name calling have rankled some in the city and neighboring communities.

“I think different times call for different kinds of leadership,” said Tracey Pickering from the Downtown Neighborhood Association. “I think where Lansing was when Virg Bernero became mayor and what he guided the city through, we probably needed somebody like that. Somebody who was going to take some punches and give a lot out to get us through tough times. But that’s not, maybe, the kind of leadership we need going forward.”

So how would Schor or Brown Clarke differ from Bernero’s tough talking, sometimes profanity-laced leadership style?

“Since the current Council members are my colleagues, I already have relationships with each and look forward to continuing to work positively with them,” Brown Clarke said, answering questions in writing. “While there will be times of

disagreement, it will always be about the issues and not personal attacks. This protects the integrity and sustainability of the mayor-Council relationship.”

None of the current members of the Council has endorsed her candidacy for mayor.

Schor responded: “My leadership style, which has been shown in the House of Representatives, on the county commission, is someone who works with others. It’s someone who brings everyone together and tries to build consensus.”

If consensus can’t be reached, he said he will “move forward with what is best for the city.”

“We’re going to work with Council to do what’s best for the city,” he said.

Schor has been endorsed by the entire Ingham County Commission, including the three Republicans, as well as former colleagues in that body. State Sen. Rick Jones, a Republican lawmaker who represents a small part of Lansing, has also endorsed Schor.

Pot? What pot?

While the Lansing City Council has spent over a year and hundreds of hours of public meetings trying to find a way to regulate Lansing’s medical marijuana industry, neighborhood leaders said the issue was

not near the top of their agenda of issues.

“I think it’s going to be dealt with by the state, like liquor,” said Rock Hudson of the Downtown Neighborhood Association.

New state regulations will allow much larger grow operations, dispensaries, processing facilities and secure transportation operations, as well as testing facilities. Those are expected to come online in December, clearing the path to state licensing for such facilities.

But while state laws and rules will certainly play a role in the issuance of state licenses, the new laws also require that local municipalities approve of the locations for state licensed facilities.

In grappling with how to regulate dispensaries in Lansing, where they have proliferated despite still being illegal, the Public Safety Committee has proposed regulations heavy on zoning restrictions but with no specific cap on how many dispensaries. A City Pulse survey, though, found that of 62 dispensaries, 54 would be put out of business under the committee’s proposed ordinance.

Brown Clarke has introduced her own ordinance that would loosen some of the committee’s proposed zoning restrictions — like eliminating the distance requirement between facilities — while capping the number of dispensaries to 25 city-wide. Under her plan, 15 would be approved the first year, and another 10 the following year. If more businesses qualify for a local license than available licenses, a drawing would be held to determine which businesses receive them.

On Monday, the City Council endorsed her proposal to create a commission to review licensing applications and appeals by inserting it in the committee’s proposed ordinance. The new body would include seven Lansing residents, despite Brown Clarke’s original proposal that it include individuals from the region.

Schor, for his part, cast a vote in favor of the new state legislation. He has been coy with his opinion on the Council debates over regulating the industry, saying only that he will look at the status of the legislation if he is elected.

Codes and parks

In discussing improving neighborhoods, the leaders felt two key issues were important: code compliance and neighborhood parks. The parks, Pickering noted, serve as a place for the neighbors to come together and meet each other. But Melissa Jeffries, president of Coachlight Commons, differed on this.

For her neighborhood, a stretch of Graves Park with toys on one end and basketball courts on the other is a lure for drug use, she said. In frustration, Jeffries said she would be OK with the city selling the park.

But the rest of the leaders opposed

such an idea, noting that parks are key to the infrastructure that brings wellness to a community.

Brown Clarke said she would not favor selling any of the city’s 114 parks, but she noted the city’s long-term debt obligation may necessitate it.

“It’s got to be parks that activate the community,” Schor said. “I think we can do that.”

He said neighbors want positive recreation options in the parks, not “places where shady things happen.”

But shady things are not just happening in the local parks. Leaders spoke at length about issues with code compliance. Specifically, the leaders indicated there were not enough compliance officers available to police the residential and commercial sites in the city.

“So you’re in your home that you’ve paid all this money for, this is the biggest investment that you’ve ever made,” noted Patty Farhat, president of the Lewton Rich Neighborhood Association. “And you got junkie neighbors that don’t mow, park on the grass, have crap on their porch, have garbage all over the place . . . I mean it’s disgusting.”

The impact of that, she said, was declining property values.

Emily Berquist, of the Westside Neighborhood Association, noted that the lack of enforcement also impacted the many commercial zones bordering the historic neighborhood where she lives.

Brown Clarke argued that city officials have said they have all the staff they need to carry out property inspections throughout the city. That’s nine employees. She also noted that since the office of code compliance was moved under the authority of the fire department, firefighters now have the capacity to issue premises and code violations as well.

“It is important to recognize that Code Compliance has only been fully staffed for less than one year; therefore, it is difficult for me, or anyone else, to know if additional code officers are needed,” she said. “I believe the neighborhood leaders are absolutely correct on the limitations caused by the code officer’s current work schedules, particularly with overnight parking enforcement.”

She said she would work with parking as well as code compliance to put staff on 24 hours a day.

“Code compliance is hugely important,” Schor said. He noted city officials “went through a fight” over staffing two years ago. He said he would need to review the operations of the department and staffing levels to make sure things are working effectively.

“The perception I get from the residents is that it’s not as effective and efficient as it could be,” Schor said.

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Fill in the oval Ingham County, City of Lansing launch new voting technology for primary

It's out with the connect the arrow and in with the fill in the oval at Ingham County polling locations starting in August. That's because a state mandate has local election officials changing to newer equipment to speed up voting times as well as counting returns on election night.

Gone will be the ballots in which voters had to draw a line creating a completed arrow next to their candidate of choice. Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said that was troublesome for some voters, resulting in people circling the arrows instead.

Now, voters will use a tried and true form for selection: Filling in an oval next to the name of the candidate they are selecting.

"We have had many, many years with standardized testing where people are familiar with that," Swope said. "It will be just a little bit more intuitive for the voters."

Another bonus, Swope said, is that when voters feed ballots into the tabulating machine after casting their votes, the machine will take a picture of the ballot and tabulate the results from that image. The computer system is programmed to identify voting errors, such as voting for too many candidates in a race. It will let the voter know of the error and provide a choice between proceeding — resulting in nullification — or returning the ballot for a do-over.

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum said she is pleased with the new touch screen voting machines available for disabled voters. Those machines have a variety of technologies to assist people with a wide variety of disabilities cast their ballots. Swope said the new technology will also make it easier for persons with disabilities to skip races, which wasn't possible before.

He said the previous machines were prone to failures, including instances where a disabled person took over 20 minutes to vote, only to have the internal



Todd Heywood/CityPulse

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum demonstrates how the new touchscreen voting machines for disabled voters will work.

printer system fail to register the choices.

The county clerk said she anticipates with the proliferation of touchscreen smartphones and tablets that the touchscreen machines will become more popular. Swope said he was unsure that would be the case, noting that there will be only one such device available for each of the city's 55 polling places.

The new machines were purchased largely with federal and state monies, Swope said. The deadline to meet the state mandate is next year, but both clerks expedited the change.

Byrum also noted that the new systems are much more secure than previous voting technology. That's important in light of recent revelations that hackers, likely tied to Russia, had invaded the voting systems of as many as 21 states. She declined to discuss specific security protocols, citing a concern that "bad actors" will try to exploit the new systems anyway. But she noted the previous countywide voting systems required Windows XP to operate — a much older Windows program that no longer has updates and is prone to hacking.

"I can tell you my IT director was very happy we got rid of the Windows XP based programming," said Swope.

— TODD HEYWOOD

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF EAST LANSING EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing is organized and operates as a Home Rule City pursuant to its Charter of the City of East Lansing adopted July 11, 1944, as amended, under the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act, 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.1, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Ordinance #1413 that, if approved by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing, would impose an excise tax, annually, of one percent on corporations and resident individuals and one-half percent on non-resident individuals for general revenue purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a resolution that will place Ordinance #1413 on the ballot for consideration by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing at the November 6, 2017 general election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Lansing believes that the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing should also have the option to further restrict the total number of property tax mills that the East Lansing City Council may levy in any year in which it levies, assesses and collects an excise tax on income or income tax pursuant to the provisions of the City Income Tax Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that in accordance with 1909 PA 279, as amended, MCL 117.21, the East Lansing City Council hereby proposes that Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 of the Charter of the City of East Lansing be amended to read as follows:

10.5. Adoption of Budget, Tax Limit.

Not later than the last regular meeting of the City Council in May, the Council shall, by resolution, adopt the budget and appropriate all money to be spent in the next fiscal year. Such resolution shall provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for general municipal purposes, which levy shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City. Beginning the next fiscal year after the first year in which the City levies, assesses and collects an excise tax on income or income tax pursuant to the provision of the City Income Tax Act, 1964 PA 284, the levy shall not exceed one and three tenths percent (1.3%) of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City (13 mills) in any year in which the City levies, assesses and collects such a tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposition to amend Section 10.5 of Chapter 10 of the City Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the City of East Lansing at the regular election to be held in the city on Tuesday, November 6, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution and proposition to the Governor of the State of Michigan for his approval of said amendment of said Charter provision pursuant to Section 22 of 1909 PA 297; MCL 117.22; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before the submission of said amendment to the qualified electors of the City of East Lansing, the amendment herein proposed shall be published in full together with the existing Charter provision which will be altered thereby, being Section 10.5 as it now exists, and a notice of said election, in at least two issues of the Towne Courier, or other newspaper of general circulation in the city of East Lansing, the first publication to be not less than two weeks nor more than four weeks prior to said election; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of such proposed Charter amendment or question shall be designated on the ballots to be printed by the City Clerk, which Ballot Question and Statement of Purpose shall be as follows:

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Section 10.5 of the East Lansing City Charter be amended to reduce the current limit on the amount of property tax a City Council may impose from 2% (20 mills) to 1.3% (13 mills) in fiscal years in which the City levies, assesses and collects an income tax pursuant to the City Income Tax Act with the mandatory reduction to begin the fiscal year following the first year of the tax?

YES _____ NO _____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall do and perform all acts required of said Clerk by the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided in regard to the registration of electors for said election, the giving of notice thereof, the giving of notice of such election, the preparation and furnishing of necessary ballots, the obtaining of necessary approval of this amendment by the Michigan Attorney General and Governor of the State of Michigan, and for the conduct of such election.

A true copy of this resolution can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

CP#17-190

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Z-8-2016, 3001 S. Washington Avenue
Rezoning from "D-1" Professional Office & "J" Parking Districts to "F" Commercial District

The Lansing City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan to consider **Z-8-2016**. This is a request by Green Key Properties, LLC to rezone the property at 3001 S. Washington Avenue from "D-1" Professional Office & "J" Parking Districts to "F" Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to permit a commercial retail establishment on the subject property.

For more information, please call 517-483-4177. If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing or send a representative. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on City business days if received before 5 p.m., on the day of the Public Hearing at the City Clerk's Office, Ninth Floor, City Hall, 124 West Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933 or email city.clerk@lansingmi.gov.

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CityPULSE PRIMARY ELECTION PREVIEW

Local democracy Your vote really counts ... because so few bother



BERL SCHWARTZ

Here's something to behold: When Brazil conducted a national election this month, my Brazilian neighbor headed to his county's consulate in Chicago to vote. He had to unless he wanted to forfeit his citizenship.

Brazil is one of 22 countries that mandate voting.

Now we turn to Lansing.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope projects as few as 13 percent of eligible voters will do so in next month's municipal primary election. His high-number prediction: 16 percent.

And guess what: That would be a very good turnout.

I'll leave it to you to ponder what this means for democracy — those of you who haven't already turned the page.

One thought from me: A small num-

ber of people have a lot of power in Lansing. Keep this in mind: Twelve years ago, a little known woman won a seat on the City Council by 27 votes. She's still on it. Her name is Dunbar.

She's on the ballot again this time, along with 28 others.

That's a lot of candidates for five spots: mayor and four of the eight seats on the City Council. It's the most anyone I've talked to can remember. The races, all of which are nonpartisan (hey, when virtually everyone is a Democrat, it really doesn't matter, does it?) break down this way:

Mayor: Five are running. The top two vote-getters will go on to the General Election in November.

City Council 2nd Ward: Five are running, including incumbent Tina Houghton. Two will survive.

City Council 4th Ward: Seven are running, two will go on.

At-Large City Council: Two spots are up. Twelve are running, of whom four will continue to the General.

The mayor's race is why the pathetically small turnout is going to be a little less pathetic than usual. Virg Bernero is hanging it up after three terms. The turnout is likely to rival the 2005 race, when Bernero beat incumbent Tony Benavides.

You're spared one race in the primary: city clerk. Only two are running, so they don't need to submit to a primary. You'll see them on the General Election ballot. If you bother to see one, but don't get me started again.

Many of you will get your ballots soon, thanks to absentee voting. The City Clerk's Office will start sending them out on Friday. And the number of them is growing rapidly. Looking at the mayoral election years of 2005, 2009 and 2013, absentee voting represented 19, 42 and 64 percent of the vote, respectively. Even two years ago, when it was all Council races, absentee voting was 59 percent. And Clerk Swope says they are preparing absentee ballots at a record pace for this year's primary. So, if

you're old-fashioned and go to the polls on Election Day, you could be even lonelier than usual. But don't get me started.

City Pulse has always done election previews, but we had always waited till the issue before the election. Obviously, that's not very useful to absentee voters. So, this year we bumped up our preview to now. What follows are brief profiles and Q&As with the 22 candidates who responded to our questionnaire, warts and all. We didn't correct anything. The only editing we did was to end answers at 50 words, which is what we asked for. If answers were longer than the cutoff, you'll see ellipses. (As the one who had to edit the answers, I'm definitely leaning toward voting for those who stuck to the 50-word limit.) We picked five topics we think are on the minds of most citizens or at least should be.

What you do with it is up to you in the privacy of the voting booth or, for absentee voters, the bathroom or wherever you mark your ballot.

But don't get me started.

THE QUESTIONS

We asked the candidates these five questions. Read on for their responses.

1. The City Council is about to consider an ordinance to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries and related businesses largely through zoning, at the behest of residents who think the city has too many dispensaries. Critics say it is too restrictive and will dampen a multi-million-dollar business with enormous po-

tential. It could also set the precedent for how the city regulates recreational marijuana should it be legalized, which is widely expected and could bring with it a big boost to city and county tax revenues. Where do you stand?

2. Tax credits have been used as an economic development

tool, but critics say they are a giveaway to developers. Where do you stand on tax credits?

3. Mayor Bernero and former mayor David Hollister say the city's perhaps \$600 million in unfunded liabilities threaten the city with bankruptcy. Do you agree? If so, what should the city

do — and specifically should the city sell or at least study the sale of the Lansing Board of Water & Light as a hedge against bankruptcy?

4. Mayor Bernero has proposed a 6-year, 1.0 mill dedicated tax levy to improve roads and sidewalks. That would cost \$50 a year for a house valued at

\$100,000. Where do you stand?

5. Preservationists say the administration and the City Council don't sufficiently support preservation, as most recently demonstrated by the fight over Scott Park. Where do you stand on preservation? How can the city foster more preservation?

THE KEY





MAYOR'S RACE

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THE GENERAL IN NOVEMBER

CANDIDATE

**AGE
OCCUPATION**

EXPERIENCE



JUDI BROWN CLARKE
56

Faculty

At-large City Councilwoman since 2014, as vice president twice, president last year. Chair the Development & Planning Committee; city representative, Planning Board; chaired Ways and Means Committee and the Personnel Committee; chairwoman, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Capital Area Michigan Works Board.

I introduced a draft medical marijuana ordinance that incorporates best practices from across the nation and aligns with state laws. The maximum number of licenses shall be capped at twenty-five (25), and implemented in a two-phase process in order to balance serving patients' needs and spreading economic development.

I believe a key part of an economic development strategy is to use tax incentives as a tool of economic development to compete with other states and globally for investment, jobs, and income. However, we need to diversify our efforts and provide incentive opportunities for small businesses.

Bankruptcy is a possibility if we do not continue the fiscal prudence of the Hollister and Bernero Administrations, recognizing the barriers of Proposal A, Headlee Amendment, collective bargaining rules & state revenue sharing. I would not sell the LBWL; we would be sacrificing its sustainable revenue in the long-term.

There are limited federal and state dollars coming to Lansing to improve our roads and sidewalks; therefore, we, as a community, will have to be part of the solution. As Mayor, I will ensure these dollars are used specifically for the improvements as the public intended.

There are difficult times when fiscal arguments compete against preservation, like Scott Park. Our preservation tells our history, which is why I voted on the resolution that approved the establishment of a historic district for Central United Methodist Church. We need to encourage and support efforts like this.



HAROLD LEEMAN JR.
59

1st Ward Councilman, 1996-2007; Chaired Michigan Works Board, Office of Aging Board and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

We do have so many dispensaries in the city of Lansing. As mayor, I believe in respecting the voter's decision as the Ballot Box and Federal of State of Local Line

As mayor and as a former councilman who supported over 90% of the Tax credits for E-commerce development from 1996 to 2007. Therefore, we have to "grow" as a city! [followers always needed]

Yes I do agree. [Please note: the US govt. is 20 million dollars in debt, and I don't see the Dems or GOP raising the issue over + over as Mr. Hollister has been?] The city should study, not sell unless the voters agree by 60% yes!

Against any more new tax levies. As Mayor I will cut taxes and lower the amount of money for the police and fire and court system for starters!!! [over 70% of FY17/18 goes to police and fire]

I'm pro preservation! Look at my 12 year record on city council. As mayor, I will make it a 24/7



ANDY SCHOR
42

State Representative

State Representative (5 years); Ingham County Commissioner (10 years); Michigan Municipal League; Staff for State Sen Gary Peters and for State Rep Paul Condino.

I will see what is in effect, if anything, when I become Mayor. I'm committed to working with City Council and interested parties to ensure we have a policy that allows enough facilities to serve residents while considering the wants and needs of our neighborhoods and business corridors.

I will use tax incentives to help bring good jobs and development to our downtown and commercial corridors throughout Lansing. We'll use metrics to ensure incentives are necessary for the project to happen, necessary for gap financing, and provide local residents the opportunity to bid for jobs.

Lansing makes its annual payments but has unfunded pension and health care costs that could threaten our future prosperity. I will bring together parties to craft a deficit reduction plan. We will consider all options, but the BWL is a Lansing asset and I support keeping it a municipal ...

Fixing roads and sidewalks is the top issue that I hear about. My plan includes showing the public which roads are being fixed with current dollars and setting priorities for future dollars (state and local). Lansing voters will decide if they want to increase their taxes for roads and sidewalks.

Lansing must preserve and maintain our parks to ensure strong neighborhoods-- it attracts and keeps families here. We also should preserve other existing infrastructure, when possible, in our community to honor our history and treasured assets. This includes ensuring maintenance and redevelopment of historic building and facilities.





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KYLE BOWMAN
46
Michigan State Police

I have held many positions of leadership dealing with critical issues affecting peoples lives. Through all this have learned the value indecisive or poor decision making. I remain committed to public service and working hard to improve the lives all. I have worked with businesses and community groups collaboratively to address concerns and worked with government funds to achieve measurable goals.

Federal law precludes marijuana businesses from using banks. Advocates have high expectations for tax revenue, yet without a clear way to track transactions to collect revenue. We need tough but fair regulations locally, and federal changes to marijuana law to permit marijuana businesses to use banks.

Tax credits have been used successfully in the past, but they're overused and given to almost every project that comes along. Too often the city gives away tax incentives without getting much in return. I support tax incentives that provide real public benefits, such as improving roads and sidewalks.

The city needs to assess its priorities, and rebuild the budget from the bottom-up, focusing on fixing the roads and keeping the public safe. Infrastructure is the top priority for Lansing residents, and it should also be a top priority when drafting city budgets. Privatization is not the answer.

I support this, but we need a more transparent process on how and where the funds are spent. But that's not enough. We must also make the case to state lawmakers and the governor's office as to why cities like Lansing need an increase in state revenue sharing.

Many of the problems we're seeing, including the controversy with Scott Park, are due to a breakdown of communication. We need more transparency, trust and collaboration at all levels. All affected parties must be brought to the table at the beginning of the process, not the end.



JUSTIN DEBOER
28
Cook

Born and raised in Lansing.

I have a medical marijuana card, and as a patient myself, i do believe the proposed ordinance is too restrictive. the zoning requirements are terrible. as a council member, I would scrap that proposed ordinance and start from scratch.

I am not sure, i would screen the developers before allowing a tax credit to make sure if they deserve it or not. some developers don't even need the credits, but get them anyway to make profit.

not sure if i agree or not, i would to need to see facts before i make that decision, but if what the mayor said is true. I would suggest raising the cigarette tax , also increase traffic fines to fund the liabilities.

well if the only costs \$50 a year, thats affordable to everybody and it would help fix the roads and sidewalks. i dont see a problem with it.

i do believe we need to do better with preservation. more funding is the key.



KATHIE DUNBAR
49
**Nonprofit director and
three-term incumbent
Council member**

"For nearly 12 years, I've been a tireless advocate for social justice, community and economic development, environmental stewardship, urban revitalization, citizen engagement, and sound fiscal management."

I support licensing and regulations that ensure safe access to safe medication. I do not support licensing criteria to which business owners in other industries are not subjected (minimum account balances, surety bonds) or zoning restrictions that serve no other purpose than to limit the number of dispensaries.

Development incentives allow urban core cities to compete with rural/suburban communities for new investment, jobs, and tax revenue. I support incentives that improve our city's long term economic position and provide a tangible public benefit, e.g., mitigate environmental contamination, reduce neighborhood blight, rehabilitate functionally obsolete properties.

Local elected officials should receive ongoing training in municipal finance, especially unfunded liabilities. A short term surplus today does not lead to financial solvency tomorrow. I'm open to studying all possible solutions because none of us has the answer. Without compelling financial projections, I cannot consider selling the BWL.

I support the ballot initiative. Voters should be allowed to decide if they're willing to pay more to improve roads and sidewalks. I work with many lower income residents who have mobility challenges, and they're willing to pay to reduce the number of hazardous sidewalks they travel every day.

I value preservation. As an official who represents all of Lansing, though, I sometimes have to weigh the interests of preservation against the greatest common good. In most cases, those interests are aligned. In rare instances, they are not. We can foster more preservation by incentivizing historical restoration.



THOMAS JAMES HARRIS JR.
37
U.S. Army Reservist

20 yrs. in the U.S. Army in positions of authority and leadership; worked with foreign and domestic affairs internationally. "As a leader I will be transparent and will inform the people about the issues of the city.

I'm in favor of the medical marijuana dispensaries. It will provide some financial relief to some of the city's economic problems. Far as the zoning, that will help regulate where the dispensaries are placed. They definitely should not be placed near schools. They should at least be placed somewhere . . .

There shouldn't be any giveaways to economic developers. I'm sure they are going to make their money in the long run

First I would want to what are these unfunded liabilities? Why are they unfunded. What can we do to prevent this from happening again in the future. We should at least study the sale of the Lansing Board of Water & Light, and make sure it benefits the people . . .

I'm all for that! We should also make sure we lower taxes to make up for that \$50.

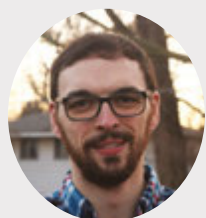
I feel the city council and the administration should work with the preservationist to preserve anything in the city of Lansing. As a council member, I wouldn't mind helping preserve anything in our city. In order to get more people involved, the change must start from the top. As . . .





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CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
28

Attorney, Elder Law of Michigan Inc.

Legal Aid Attorney; intern, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Master in Public Affairs student; Board, Educational Child Care Center; Representative, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly; member of various LGBT and women's equal rights groups; former regional director, College Democrats of America; president of MSU Law School Democrats and University of Indianapolis College Democrats.

While following zoning ordinances is important, the current dispensaries are not violating zoning ordinances. We should not force out businesses that are following state laws, are not a nuisance, and are not environmental hazards to our community. Tax revenue and jobs are vital and we should not be hindering investment.

I absolutely agree that tax credits have been used as giveaways to developers. Instead, put this money in the hands of neighborhoods and community organizations to help the middle class and redevelop our neighborhoods. Using tax money to build expensive condos does little to move Lansing in a positive direction.

Selling the LBWL is a non-starter. If elected, I will fight it tooth and nail as it is a short-sighted move and leverages the future of our children for short term gain. To address unfunded liabilities, we must honor our commitments by looking at progressive taxation to cover these burdens.

Reinvesting in our neighborhoods is priority number one for me, but the proposed tax levy does little to address the systemic failure of our infrastructure and how we fund its redevelopment. We must look beyond increasing property taxes as a way to pay for our much-needed, citywide infrastructure overhaul.

Preservation is vital for Lansing to retain its history and legacy. The city should embrace community organizations and their views on retaining Lansing's rich history. This not only applies to buildings, but also our cultural and natural treasures. We should increase investment in our parks, not hack away at them.



YANICE Y. JACKSON
39

Managing editor - The Chronicle Newspaper

15 years of business experience in human resources, marketing, project management and communications. Managing Editor the Chronicle Newspaper. Regional organizing director in the 2016 Clinton presidential campaign. B.S. in broadcast journalism from Eastern Michigan University, MBA in marketing from Clark Atlanta University.

I believe there should be accountability when it comes to being able to open a medical marijuana dispensary. I don't believe that anyone should be able to open this type of business unless there are some guidelines to hold them accountable as far as consumer safety. In addition, I do ...

I believe there should be an incentive for developers that build in the city of Lansing especially in instances where vacant real estate is being utilized. Tax breaks are a good incentive as long as they are properly measured and do not put a strain on the city budget.

The financial health team that David Hollister used brought up good points that should be examined. I do agree that this is a delicate situation that has to be addressed before it is too late. I do not agree with selling the Board of Water Light. This way we ...

The people of Lansing want new roads and this is a major issue for the community. A mileage is an excellent avenue to explore. I also believe we should explore other ideas that would contribute to improving our roads and infrastructure.

The City can work closely with communicating with Lansing area groups in regards to future city planning and making them aware of future city development that effects historical sights and buildings. Good communication between parties is essential to building strong relationships that are positives in our community.



GUILLERMO Z. LOPEZ
67

Retired/ Trustee, Lansing School Board of Education

Retired from the City of Lansing after 30 years in the Human Relations and Community Services Department. 17th year as a Lansing School Board trustee. "Having worked for the City of Lansing gives me the knowledge base of how city government runs from the inside.

The citizens of Michigan approved this law, therefore we must make our best effort to fulfill their mandate. We must find the right regulations so that the public mandate and the needs of the local community are satisfied. The State Legislature is currently working on state regulations, so whatever ...

We should use all tools available to move the city forward. What has been missing is keeping the developers in check when tax credits have been given. They need to be held accountable and ensure that they keep their commitments made in exchange for tax credits, abatements or any ...

After careful review of the Financial Health Team's report and other financial reviews, and if all points to the need to sell city assets, we need to consider them, including the Lansing Board of Water and Light. This, of course, would be of last resort to me.

I am not necessarily opposed to this tax, however, before I would vote for it, I will ask for a thorough review of our budget and look at the priorities. If those in the budget are not what the city needs at this time, we would need to change ...

The city needs to have a preservation plan which would include a listing of building or properties designated as historical properties. Then the city needs to come up with a plan to preserve those properties which would include partnerships with preservation groups, the state and other national groups that ...



MICHAEL RUDDOCK
23

Community organizer/data entry at Recycling Center

"Because of my experience organizing I have a defined political ideology: every vote, every budget will be indicative of that."

Regulations should provide creation of a responsible and vibrant cannabis community in Lansing. We need to regulate and create an open and transparent process involving neighborhood associations and communities without overregulating and missing out on a potential major revenue source for years to come.

I think that tax credits should be used sparingly. Regionally we've entered into a race to the bottom when it comes to tax credits. Economic development can be a useful tool to create jobs and needed amenities; but we cannot continue Council's rubber stamp mentality.

I don't think that our city faces imminent bankruptcy. Because our utility provider is public we're afforded transparency, accountability, and lower pricing than comparable municipalities. We should continue paying down our account at a steady rate and make it known that Lansing pays its debts.

In general I'd like to see a millage passed; better roads and sidewalks increase livability and walkability in our neighborhoods. BUT I'd like to see a concrete plan laid out for Lansing residents to ensure that our working families are seeing and experiencing the progress that they're paying into.

We can't put a price tag on our historic landmarks. Preservation conserves culture and heritage in our neighborhoods and city. As a City Councilor, it is my obligation to stand up for what Lansing resident's value. I will put neighborhoods first, not special interests.



**AT-LARGE**

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**ALEXANDER S. RUSEK**
39
Attorney, White Law PLLC

President, Ingham County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section; treasurer for the Ingham County Board of Commissioner's Equal Opportunity; board member of the MSU College of Law Alumni Associations.

**PETER SPADAFORE**
32
Associate executive director, Michigan Association of School Administrators

Six years on the Lansing School Board, including three as president and two as secretary. "I've balanced budgets, worked collaboratively toward shared goals, and made tough decisions on behalf of the residents of Lansing — including developing our strategic plan and helping the Lansing Pathway Promise Bond become a reality for Lansing's children."



The spread of medical marijuana dispensaries has overtaken our primary business corridors and neighborhoods. The number and density of dispensaries must be smartly regulated in the best interests of residents, businesses, patients, and the medical marijuana industry. We need to work together to plan for the future of Lansing.

Tax credits incentivize development on property that would otherwise remain vacant or dilapidated. While I support tax credits that will spur growth in Lansing, each tax credit must be closely examined to ensure that Lansing will ultimately benefit, and if the City does not benefit, developers must be held ...

Lansing, like many Michigan cities, faces a great threat from future unfunded liabilities. Lansing will not come under the control of a state emergency manager or go through bankruptcy if we properly plan. While I do not currently support the sale of the Lansing BWL, all solutions must be ...

The condition of our roads and sidewalks is a great concern for all Lansing residents. Estimates put the cost of returning our roads and sidewalks to average condition at \$236 million. A 1.0 mill tax will only make a small dent, and more comprehensive action must be taken.

Lansing must preserve its beautiful parks and green spaces. I promise to work with neighborhood residents, the Parks Board, other City Council Members, and the next Mayor to develop a comprehensive plan to maintain and improve our parks for future generations.

**SECOND WARD****JIM DELINE**
67
Retired City of Lansing internal auditor

Lansing resident 30 years; former staff member to City Council and budget control supervisor to Police Department. "As the Councilmember representing the 2nd ward, I would bring both a fresh financial expertise and a neighborhood perspective with no on-the-job training needed."

I, too, expect recreational marijuana to be approved by Michigan voters soon. Marijuana, whether for medicinal or recreational use, is a substance like alcoholic beverages and prescription medication that needs reasonable regulation and licensing. The use of zoning as the primary instrument for this is the wrong approach.

Tax credits are an important tool to encourage investment where it might not otherwise happen. They need to be targeted. Council needs someone who can thoroughly understand the proposals and is willing to ask the tough questions before approval is granted.

Segal Consulting identified 52 options we might take toward addressing unfunded liabilities. With labor unions, the administration, the City Council, and representatives of neighborhoods and business at the table, we must decide on which to implement. Selling the BWL would not be in the best interest of Lansing citizens.

This may, if fact, be the best route to take. However, the administration has not done a good job of showing Lansing residents that it manages taxpayer dollars efficiently or for the purpose intended.

Lansing's historic places need to be preserved and showcased. While there may be incidents where our current needs mandate the destruction or conversion of a historic place, the administration has not been very convincing or transparent in that regard.

**JEREMY A. GARZA**
41
Licensed Plumber

Safety director & recording secretary Plumbers and Pipefitters Union local. Served on the City of Lansing's Plumbing Board for the past six years. "I am looking forward to give a voice back to regular working people that all too often have been overlooked by politicians at City Hall."

I support providing access to patients in need of medical marijuana. That said, we need sensible regulation of dispensaries, because there are far too many pot shops — especially on the south side. We should regulate marijuana dispensaries in a similar manner as liquor stores.

The City Council has given away tens of millions in taxpayer dollars to corporations without requiring them to give local workers a fair shot at the jobs their own tax dollars are helped create. We need policies that require giving local workers a chance at these jobs.

I do not support selling the BWL. Instead, we need to generate more revenue so we can properly fund our retirees. It's unfair to expect city taxpayers and retirees to carry the burden while allowing rich developers and campaign contributors to get out of paying their taxes.

I would need to see the exact wording of any proposal. There hasn't been enough transparency of where our current millage tax dollars are going. Fixing our roads should be a top budget priority for the city, and that includes making corporations pay their fair share to help fund repairs.

We need to have a more open dialogue in our city when it comes to preservation and other issues. The outgoing mayor has taken a my-way-or-the-highway approach to just about everything. I am hopeful that a new mayor and Council will be more inclusive and bring preservations to the table.



THE TOP TWO MOVE ON TO
THE GENERAL IN NOVEMBER



HOUGHTON
50
Program advisor
at Michigan State
University

Served as a City Council member since 2010, over 15 years of experience in community engagement work, and has served in leadership roles on many community and executive boards throughout the city over the last 20 years.

I am confident that the city council will pass an ordinance that is fair and equitable to all interested parties. I have no intention of over regulating this industry, but I do want to ensure that patients have access to quality medication.

Lansing has been very successful in leveraging a variety of tools to attract and retain many businesses over the last several years. Tax credits are one of the tools available to urban core cities to help them to compete with open green development. Tax incentives assist in leveling ...

The City's situation is not unique to Lansing; in fact, most cities are facing similar challenges. In facing these challenges, the City and the State Treasury jointly funded a study that was recently completed and presented to the Financial Health Team and interested parties. Based on their study, a ...

I fully support asking the voters to decide on whether or not they want to increase their contribution to sustain public services.

We have created many historical districts and have approved historical tax credits during my tenure. I support preserving our city's history, but it must be a balanced approach.



JULEE M. RODOCKER
47
Electric Materials Buyer,
Consumers Energy

Operations Manager at Meijer, Inc. managing and mentoring teams of 100 employees and overseeing \$50 million annual budgets. President, Old Everett Neighborhood Association. "I have championed neighborhood watch efforts, helped numerous neighbors solve problems and getting the city to be responsive. I fought against zoning changes and irresponsible development and helped to keep Lansing Gardens in our neighborhood."

I support Lansing patients having safe and convenient access to medical marijuana. However, we have too many dispensaries which has negatively branded Lansing and driven away home buyers and businesses. Either medical or recreational marijuana should not become our community's main economic driver as it has too many unintended consequences.

I believe we have focused too much on tax credits for large developers to the detriment of our small businesses and the benefit to taxpayers is not clear. We have allowed outside influences to drive our development instead of our master plan and community visioning process.

We need to address our unfunded liabilities that were caused by poor decision-making by previous administrations. I do not support the sale of the BWL, which is a short sided move for a temporary situation. Our city gains more economically by owning BWL and having its long-term revenue.

I do not support any additional millages at this time as it is not clear that our current road millage funds were not misused. I believe under a new administration we can use our existing millages and funds to more responsibly fix roads and sidewalks.

Lansing has a terrible track record of destroying historic assets. Thriving communities use these assets as foundations for their economic development. We need to change our community culture and policies to value these cornerstones of our community. Destroying Scott Park was not guided by accurate information but misguided self-interests.



FOURTH WARD



ELVIN CALDWELL
28
School community liaison

Working in the school enables me to see first-hand how families are affected by national policy and local issues. Through educating, motivating and organizing with the school community members, neighbors, public and private organizations we effectively meet the ever-changing demands of our children and their families.

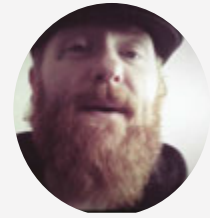
I strongly believe in doing all we can to put resources and opportunity in the hands of Lansing residents. I will fight to see that developers that work in Lansing are in the business of making money not taking money.

I agree that unfunded liabilities threaten our financial stability. I support working with unions, academia and the Lansing Financial Health team to explore all options. It is important that the city is loyal to the people that have given their lives and prime to the city.

Segal Consulting identified 52 options we might take toward addressing unfunded liabilities. With labor unions, the administration, the City Council, and representatives of neighborhoods and business at the table, we must decide on which to implement. Selling the BWL would not be in the best interest of Lansing citizens.

Even with the new MI gas tax rates the proposed mileage is necessary. We need to find local solutions to road funding. I support collaborating regionally and lobbying to the state and MTF to create a new funding model that reflects the rising cost of road construction and maintenance.

We believe in historical preservation. There has to be open communication and transparency around this subject. The Scott Park debacle should have been handled differently. The voices of the community should always be respected and considered. My campaign stems from the principles that enable participation; Educate, Motivate and Organize.



JASON DURHAM
37
Actor

24 years of community service. Cannabis Advocate.

We need to license, tax and regulate the dispensaries and use the taxes generated to fund our schools, after school activities and fix our roads. We also need strong leadership to make sure the funds are properly managed.

Lansing has allot to offer. The right developers will put Lansing residents and our communities best interest first and pay there fair share in taxes. If a developer is not willing to pay there fair share in taxes then maybe there not a good fit for our community.

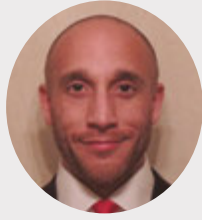
We should examine the miss handling of funds that got us here in the first place and people should be held accountable. I don't believe selling Lansing board of light would be in our communities best interests.

I don't agree with raising property taxes. It seems taxes are constantly raised but nothing ever gets done. The money gets taken but the work never done. We need better accountability for the millions already spent before we continue to burden our citizens with more taxes.

I believe parks are a crucial part of a healthy community. We need to preserve and protect the parks we have before there sold to special interests developers that pay no taxes. The current council has failed to implement the will of the people and it is time to vote for ...a



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BRIAN T. JACKSON
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Attorney

Former Lansing assistant city attorney; college intern, Indiana State Senate; student member, Junior City Council and Mayor's Youth Advisory Board

I support the legalization of Marijuana. Currently, it's the conflicting laws and enforcement methods that create the most instability. People should not go to jail because of marijuana. With that said, many residents do not want a dispensary on every corner. I support a cap on dispensaries.

The City needs its taxes. It cannot just "giveaway" tax credits without gaining value. It's important to balance the desire for development with the needs of the residents living in the neighborhoods. Tax credits should be reserved only for developers/ments with a real plan to improve quality of life.

Studies show that the City's unfunded liability is a major problem. The City should make a concerted effort for economic growth or else retired employees could lose benefits. This problem is so big that all options, including the sale of BWL should be on the table.

Road improvements are a top priority for many residents. Some roads are dangerous conditions and a matter of public safety. The State and Federal government has not forwarded enough money to make the needed repairs. The people should vote whether they want to pay to have them repaired locally.

Preservation is important, but it's not most important over all else. Leadership should balance preservation with practicality. Preservation should be the default unless there is a substantial and compelling reason otherwise. Leadership should be responsive and accountable no matter what they decide.



JAMES McCLURKEN
63

Anthropologist

Community activist

The Cedar Corridor shows the need for dispensary regulation near parks, schools and residences. Without regulations expansion will likely continue without thought for effects on the community. Dispensaries should pay reasonable taxes. I am happy that the Lansing City Council is exercising due diligence about regulations in public, transparent forums.

The city no longer uses tax credits to attract development. The two incentives that remain are those given by the State of Michigan under the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act and by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Redevelopment Fund. I support using these mechanisms to transform Lansing's unused ...

The Lansing Fiscal Health report discusses money-saving options for preventing bankruptcy; it does not recommend selling the BWL which generates millions of dollars Lansing. I do not favor selling BWL, public parks or other public assets, all of which are important for rebuilding livable and walkable neighborhoods. Selling them ...

The State legislature is unlikely to act responsibly, so Lansing residents must act on their own. The city residents now pay at 1 mill, \$1.8 million annually for these repairs. Before we again raise taxes again, however, I want to be make sure our funds are used as intended. ...

I believe that preservation of historic structures and neighborhoods are critical for placemaking and enhancing Lansing's distinct character. The city can foster preservation by commencing a survey of city assets. The survey report can serve as a master plan to guide restoration in every instance possible. to ...



KATHI ANN RAFFONE
73

Retired

A Lansing resident for 31 years; regular speaker at Council sessions and committee meetings. "While living in Tecumseh, I helped organize a task force to acquire a community auditorium. The goal was realized and in 1982 Tecumseh was awarded the State of Michigan Community Achievement Award for the project."

There definitely has to be some regulation, the same as with liquor establishments. Even prescription drugs are regulated. As for the methods, I think the council needs to go back to square one. They put the cart before the horse on this issue not anticipating the fallout.

Tax incentives are necessary, but have been totally overused by the current administration.

Contrary to statements by Berners, it is a problem of mismanaging the money. The last thing you want to do is liquidate our assets! Furthermore, the city derives valuable income from BWL and enjoys local control.

No! I've yet to see one of Berners' millages applied as promised. Not one.

To this day, I am sick over the demolition of the historic City Club. Gone! And for no reason. So many historic sites have been lost forever and little attention paid to the significance of their place in our city's story.

The following is a list of candidates not included in the CityPulse Primary Election Preview because they did not respond to our candidate questionnaire or for other reasons listed.

Mayor

- Michael Gillenkirk
- Danny Trevino
- Marc Townsend, disqualified

At-large

- Evelyn Pech-Vasquez
- Mary Ann Prince, withdrew
- Rosalinda Hernandez

Second Ward

- Jaron Green

Fourth Ward

- Larry Hutchinson
- Amanda Bernes



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'Untitled whatever'

At 100, arts patron Selma Hollander gets her own show

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

With the fuss of turning 100 finally behind her, longtime Lansing arts patron Selma Hollander is getting down to some real business.

"See how I clear stuff? I take it and I throw it on the floor. That's how I work."

She sent a knot of plastic hangers, two or three sweaters and stack of newspapers crashing to the floor of her Okemos condo and sat on the newly cleared seat to talk about something she would much rather do than keep a neat house: make art.

"I'm excited about still creating," she said. "I'm 100 but my mind hasn't changed."

The living room is piled with books, art, award plaques and mementoes of her life with her husband, Stanley Hollander, who died in 2002. Her fabric collages fill the walls.

"I've had a charmed life," she said.

The Hollanders were, and Selma still is, among the most visible and tireless arts patrons at MSU and around Lansing. Their names are on endowed chairs, scholarships, galleries and arts programs across MSU and greater Lansing. Hollander still shows up, in her sharp red beret, to almost every concert,



Lawrence Cosentino/CityPulse

Selma Hollander gets ready for her first art exhibition at age 100.

play and art exhibit in town.

Last week, however, something else was on her docket.

"An exhibit of my work! It never crossed my mind," she said. "But I never say no to anything."

That was her message in her 2012 commencement address at MSU, another first for her, at 95.

"You just don't close doors. They may open again, but not likely, and that's the end of it."

Friends and fellow art patrons Joan and Jerry Mattson got the ball rolling after seeing some of Hollander's art.

Joan Mattson talked with Barb Whitney, director of the Lansing Art Gallery, about doing an exhibit, and Whitney enthusiastically agreed.

Last week, Hollander's living room table, sofa and chair were stacked with prints to go through.

Hollander was an art student and instructor at MSU in the 1960s and 1970s and hasn't stopped making art.

She has settled on about 20 serigraphs, or silk screen prints, to include in the show, most of which date from her student days.

The prints are abstract and don't have names.

"I could sit and put names on them, but no," she said. "Untitled whatever."

The prints are as rich as oil paintings, with up to 32 colors in one image. Despite their density, a clear and confident feeling for form keeps them from looking murky.

Each color demands a separate set of steps: masking off the area to be painted, spreading the paint on the screen with a squeegee and cleaning the frame for the next color.

Some prints have the rainbow intensity of stained glass while others are limited to one or two primary colors. One print is gloriously awash in textured bands of bright yellow that sing out like trumpets. Some have contrasting armatures of black ink.

As she rummaged through them, Hollander spotted a yellow splatter of texture on one print. Was she thinking about Jackson Pollock?

"I don't know what I was thinking of," she waved off the question.

She is reluctant to sign the prints, but



Lawrence Cosentino/CityPulse

About 20 of Selma Hollander's serigraphs, or silk-screen prints will be on view this weekend at the Lansing Art Gallery

not out of modesty. A signature would commit the art to being hung a certain way. She loves to turn them in every direction.

"Look at it this way," she said, turning a print 90 degrees. "It looks wider, bigger. It's got more breath to it." She laughed at the lapse into art critic talk. "What am I saying, 'breath?' I don't know."

She pulled out two versions of the same print and laid them out differently.

"Look how much smaller this looks!" she cried in amazement. "I am curious as to how they are going to hang it."

Hollander's visual sense came from the word of fabric and fashion, and it still shows in the bold color fields of her prints.

"Since an early age, as soon as I could look at fabric and could feel fabric, that's where my art started," she said.

She grew up in Brooklyn and her mother worked uptown, in a small but chic hat store on Fifth Avenue, making Selma's clothes as well as hats for the shop.

She never doodled or colored as a child and never cared much for copying objects. An MSU teacher gave her a "B" in figure drawing, "but only for effort."

"You're a colorist," the teacher told her.

The zone of fashion, where art and life overlap, is still her sweet spot.

"People tell me, 'Talk about your art,'" she said with a shrug. "Your body is a canvas. Trimming a hat is art. Entertaining, putting food on the plate, everything I've done in my life — I can't say what is art."

She first studied art at MSU when she and her husband, Stanley, moved here in 1958.

"My inspiration was, I had to do something," she said.

Her first class was full of "junk little craft projects" that didn't interest her. She got such a low grade, Stanley told her to be careful or she'd end up "on probation."

Undaunted, she took a series of studio art classes and started getting 4.0 grades. She ended up with bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts, became an art instructor and branched into jewelry, textile art, painting and her most recent passion, collages.

Her latest work, a small and finely wrought black and white collage, is a striking departure from the bold colors and textures of the serigraphs.

The task of gluing it together has her in complete thrall. As soon as she wakes up, before going to the kitchen to make coffee, she starts working at a table near her bed.

(She got tired of visitors picking up unglued collages and scattering the pieces, so she put a worktable in her bedroom.)

"The bedroom is a mess, but I have to show you this," she said.

Her latest collage is an intricate, industrial-age fantasia of spheres, gears, watch faces, a battleship, a camera lens and dozens of other elements. Its density suggests a cosmic and a miniature scale, all at once.

"I could never do this again," she said. "Snips and snips of paper and I'm still gluing it down."

She's obviously proud of it, but still can't bring herself to take any of this too seriously.

"You know what? I've convinced myself I'm an artist," she said, and laughed.

The sound of silence

PETA offers \$5,000 to organizations that will use silent fireworks

By DANIELLE CHESNEY

Many consider the Fourth of July to be a celebration, where proud Americans grill up hamburgers and hot dogs and come evening, sit to watch a colorful pyrotechnic display. However, not everyone experiences the excitement that fireworks supposedly incite. Ask a dog owner, and you may hear an entirely different story.

"There are many pets and wildlife who suffer from post-traumatic stress

disorder and loud noises like fireworks can be terrifying," said Kate Tuggle, a spokesperson for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

According to Tuggle, animal shelters across the country brace for an influx of lost or injured animals every July fourth.

"We have seen time and time again, that animals will panic and they will attempt to escape the home," said Tuggle. "They might run into sliding glass doors, or run into traffic and some are killed and others go missing."

In a letter to the editor, Lindsay Pollard-Post, senior writer at PETA, wrote, "Desperate to escape the deafening explosions, dogs and cats have jumped fences, crashed through windows, broken chains, and bolted out doors, often severely injuring themselves or getting killed in traffic. Many are never reunited with their guardians. Birds who are startled

by fireworks have abandoned their nests, sometimes orphaning their fledglings, and crashed into buildings in frantic attempts to flee in the dark."

This level of a trauma inflicted on animals by a yearly celebration has called for the creation of options other than traditional fireworks.

"Quite frankly," said Tuggle, "in this day and age, there is no need with the advancements in fireworks, to put animals and wildlife through what could be an extremely stressful and deadly experience in the name of celebration."

Those advancements include the creation of silent fireworks.

"It sounds like an oxymoron," said Tuggle. "[Silent fireworks] are quieter than traditional fireworks. Traditional fireworks can be up to 170 decibels in sound, and the World Health Organization says that 120 decibels is the

pain threshold for sound. The deafening booms that make people cover their ears— silent fireworks do not have those."

If the decrease in noise is not enough to entice a switch to silent fireworks, Tuggle said that the displays are often more colorful than of traditional fireworks.

According to an article by Steph Yin in the New York Times, this is because the chemical compounds in silent fireworks burn slower than in the traditional sort. Because the explosions in silent fireworks are less powerful, the colors shine brighter from having more time to burn as they drift down from the sky, as opposed to a large initial explosion that burns through the color and leaves no time for that color to spread.

Tuggle said that silent fireworks have just begun to rise in popularity, with people only taking notice in the last five years.

According to Tuggle, parts of Europe have already adopted the practice, with the town of Collecchio, Italy making it law in 2015 that all fireworks displays must be silent.

To encourage municipalities in the U.S. to adopt this animal-friendly option, PETA has offered \$5,000 toward the cost of the Fourth of July celebration if the venue is to use silent fireworks. Recently, Costa Mesa, Calif. made the switch.

Until more communities decide to do the same, Tuggle offered some tips to help furry friends deal with the stress of Independence Day.

For pets that are nearby and have no choice but to listen to fireworks displays, Tuggle recommended four-legged friends don the popular anti-anxiety vests for pets called ThunderShirts. She also suggested distracting pets by playing games, playing classical music, rewarding them with treats for ignoring explosions and keeping lights on. Closing windows, doors, curtains and blinds can also be effective, as well as making sure each animal is either microchipped or wearing a collar.

"We hope that it goes without saying," said Tuggle, "but never take your dog to fireworks displays. The weather is usually nice and you're going to be outside in the park. It might be tempting to say, 'Oh, I'll just take my dog for a walk.' That's the worst place for them to be: outside, where the explosions are happening."

If you do decide to take your animal outside, Pollard-Post recommends that animals be on a leash, in a fenced area and under constant supervision.

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Foolproof Fireworks

A how-to guide for a safe July 4th

By **EVE KUCHARSKI**

Next week, Americans will consume 150 million hot dogs, spend almost \$4 million on imported flags, and launch nearly 270 million pounds of fireworks into the air. July Fourth perfection.

But, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association, roughly 11,000 fireworks-related injuries will also be reported, as well as thousands of fires. To stop your Fourth of July celebration from becoming a statistic, the Lansing Fire Marshal's Office, a personal-injury lawyer, a long-time fireworks consumer and a fireworks retail executive helped create a foolproof list of safety tips.

1.) Learn local ordinances.

Across Michigan, in a growing number of communities, fireworks are legal only within a three-day window for 10 national holidays, July Fourth being one of them. So, fireworks may be used from July 3, 4 and 5, but that doesn't necessarily mean free rein for 72 hours. In East Lansing and Lansing, consumers may only use fireworks from 8 a.m. to midnight, but not afterward to comply with local noise ordinances.

In smaller communities, like Delhi Charter Township, fireworks can be fired until 1 a.m. And though most Michigan jurisdictions don't deviate from similar rules, Sean Conn, an executive with the Lansing retailer Big Fireworks, suggested being familiar with fireworks laws wherever they will be shot off, particularly if they will be fired outside of the city of purchase.

"The state law says that a local community can opt in to having restricted use dates of the date before, day of or day after, however the local community has to opt in," Conn said. "If they don't opt in, then you can use fireworks year-round, 365 days."

Lansing Attorney Daniel Zick warns that using fireworks outside of the allotted times can result in a \$500 fine or potentially greater penalties, like civil liabilities for property damage or bodily harm.

"And if you're truly reckless in what you're doing and injure somebody, there could be criminal responsibility," Zick said. "It depends, but it's not unheard of to hear of someone who is conducting recklessly and injures another person."

2.) Know where to stand.

In fireworks, size matters. The length of the actual firework tube relates directly to how far the projectile will fly, and

how great of a fallout zone the debris will make.

"There's a rule of thumb with our products: you should be at least 75 to 80 feet back for every inch of the tube that is being shot as a firework," Conn said. "So, you would at least want a diameter on your circle away from your firework of 160 feet for fallout area. That's for a one-inch. A two-inch you'd want as much as 300 feet around so that you're in a safe distance where that won't happen."

3.) Try before you buy.

Jeremy Gyiraszin, a Westland native who has been putting on fireworks shows for 20 years, advises first-time firework owners to avoid buying a product at random.

"A lot of your fireworks are online and you can see exactly what it is," Gyiraszin said. "A lot of people go to a store and they don't know what they're buying. They go 'Oh, that's cool,' and go by the name or the picture on the box — they're not sure what that's really doing. When I do my purchases, I know that I've seen what I need before I place my order."

3.) Know what to do when it's a dud.

Every so often, fireworks misfire — they'll light, but won't go off. In this case, water is key.

"Don't just throw them in the trash can, you need to soak it in a bucket of water for about 20 to 30 minutes to ensure that the product is saturated," said a Lansing Fire Marshal's Office representative, Tony Phillips, "We've had several fires over the years where people burned their garages down."

Having a source of water on-hand is important, especially because some fire extinguishers don't work on fireworks.

"There's no need to have a chemical fire extinguisher, it's ineffective," Conn said. "A lot of people think 'I'll just grab the kitchen fire extinguisher and I'm safe.' Well, no. You want water on the spot."

4.) Know your product is legitimate.

Shooting fireworks is not a cheap hob-

by, in fact Time magazine reported that most people who invest in fireworks end up spending in the range of \$100 to \$300 for private shows, and often into the thousands.

To shave off some of the costs, consumers have been known to purchase fireworks from illegitimate sources. That can be risky.

"One sign whether it's legal or not, is all consumer fireworks aeriels must go up in the air and they'll produce an effect and a sound," Conn said.

Not so with to black market fireworks.

"They'll go up and there will be no effect. There will be a bright, white flash and a huge boom, the kind of boom you can feel in your chest."

Licensed dealers should prominently display their certification.

5.) What if your fireworks break?

Fireworks and fun! Family-friendly July Fourth Events

SATURDAY, JULY 1 >> MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Meridian Township is going all out for the country's 175 Anniversary, with events and activities going on all day and ending with an evening of fireworks. From musical performances to a food truck rally, the events and activities will take place at Central Park North, Central Park drive, Farmer's Market Pavilion and the Historical Village. The family friendly events begin at 8 a.m. and concludes with a fireworks finale at 10:15 p.m. FREE. Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 853-4000, meridian.mi.us.

MONDAY, JULY 3 >> ANNUAL DELTA TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS

Delta Township celebrates an early Independence Day with their annual fireworks display in Sharp Park. Concessions will be available for purchase, and spectators are allowed to bring their

Pyrotechnic composition, or the "stuffing" of a firework is vital to recognize, because improper disposal could result in a fire.

"Many people call it gunpowder, but there's none in there," Conn said. "It does look black, similar to coarse sand on a beach."

The black powder is volatile and Conn recommends it be cleaned up with a damp towel to reduce the amount of static electricity with which it interacts.

"You don't want to use, for example, a metal dustpan," Conn said. "The other thing people see is an orange or red or fine dust. That is the clay that comes with the product and that is used with the product so it doesn't tip over. That's safe."



own food, drink and coolers. A permit is required for alcoholic beverages; permits are available from Delta Township's Parks and Recreation Department free of charge. Park opens at 6 p.m.; fireworks start at 10 p.m. FREE. Sharp Park, 1401 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 323-8555, deltami.gov.

JULY 3-4 >> PORTLAND PARADE AND FIREWORKS

Portland residents can look forward to a double dose of Fourth of July fun this year. The annual fireworks display blasts off at dusk on July 3rd at Portland High School stadium while the parade begins the next morning at 10 a.m. Those interested in the participating in the parade are encouraged to sign up online. 1100 Ionia Rd, Portland. FREE. (517) 647-2100, portlandareachamber.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 4 >> EATON RAPIDS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF EAST LANSING
ORDINANCE NO. 1413

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MICHIGAN UNIFORM CITY INCOME TAX ORDINANCE BY REFERENCE BY ADDING CHAPTER 41: TAXATION - CITY INCOME TAX - TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST LANSING

THE CITY OF EAST LANSING ORDAINS:

Chapter 41 - Taxation - City Income Tax - is added to read as follows:

Sec. 41-1. That the uniform city income tax ordinance, being Chapter 2 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended (MCL 141.601, et seq), a true copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, be and the same is hereby enacted by reference as if set out herein in its entirety.

Sec. 41-2. That as provided at Section 3 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964 [MCL 141.503(1)], the rate of tax shall be as follows:

Subject to the exclusions, adjustments, exemptions and deductions herein provided, an annual tax of one percent on corporations and resident individuals and one-half percent on non-resident individuals for general revenue purposes is hereby imposed as an excise on income earned and received on and after the effective date of this ordinance.

Sec. 41-3. That as provided at Section 31 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended (MCL 141.631), the exemptions shall be as provided therein.

Sec. 41-4. That printed copies of said uniform city income tax ordinance shall be kept in the office of the City Clerk, available for inspection by the public at all times.

Sec. 41-5. That pursuant to Section 2a of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964 (MCL 141.502a), the imposition of an excise tax on income under this ordinance shall not take effect until this ordinance is approved by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 1413 can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wicks
City Clerk

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Fireworks

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BRATION

Eaton Rapids celebrates the Fourth of July all day long, with activities spanning from 9 a.m. to 10:30 at night. The day kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the Eaton Rapids Senior center at 9 a.m. followed by a parade at 11 a.m. on Main Street. The Independence Day celebration finishes up with a fireworks extravaganza at Howe Ballfields at 10:15 p.m. followed by a showing of "Honey, I Shrank the Kids." Other family friendly events will be held all across downtown Eaton Rapids at various locations. Fireworks at Howe Ballparks, 301 Howe Drive, Eaton Rapids. FREE. (517) 663-8118

TUESDAY, JULY 4 >> MASON'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND COUNTY SEAT OLD CAR CLUB SHOW

Mason's Fourth of July celebration starts off with the 31st annual County Seat Old Car Club Show around the Ingham County Courthouse in downtown Mason. The car show takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The parade features local business, groups and organizations and kicks off from the Mason High School and begins its loop at 7:30 p.m. FREE. Call or see website for parade route. (517) 676-1046, mason-chamber.org

TUESDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING

LUGNUTS VS WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS

What's more American than watching baseball, America's pastime, on the Fourth of July? Celebrate the Fourth of July with the Lansing Lugnuts as they play the West Michigan Whitecaps. A fireworks display set to patriotic music will take off to the sky right after the game. Tickets start at \$8. Cooley Law Stadium. 505 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-4500, lansinglugnuts.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 4 >> ST. JOHNS FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

The St. Johns Rotary Club is holding this year's Fourth of July celebration at the City Park in downtown St. Johns. Local rock and rollers, Life Support, will provide entertainment at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell starting at 7 p.m. Fireworks will commence at dark around 10 p.m. FREE. 804 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-8944, cityofst-johnsmi.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 4 >> LANSING FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The City of Lansing's Fourth of July Parade kicks off at 11 a.m. through Downtown Lansing. Celebrate our country's independence with clowns, antique and specialty automobiles, musicians, dance troupes, community groups and military units. An evening of celebration at Adado Riverfront Park begins at 8 p.m., featuring a patriotic performance by the Lansing Concert Band followed by a fireworks show. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, Lansing. (517) 483-4313, lansing.org/events.

Last Hurrah

Frank and Earnest play final show

By RICH TUPICA

After eight years, local pop-punk outfit Frank and Earnest plays its final show this weekend at the Avenue Café – not a bad run considering its founding member and chief songwriter Nick "Otis" Pierce left the band four years ago.

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"Frank and Earnest is different for me as it was a very established thing before I joined," said guitarist/vocalist Tommy McCord, who replaced Pierce in November 2013. "In many ways, I tried to honor the foundation Otis had laid while keeping things natural. We only released a few songs while I was in the band, so I don't know if I succeeded."

Pierce, who put music on hold to join the Navy, departed the melodic pop-punk band amidst the release of its only

full-length LP, 2014's "Modern Country." Over the years, the band also released 2010's "Old Francis" EP and contributed to stacks of split singles and punk compilations.

As for the lack of proper album releases, guitarist/vocalist Ben Hassenger admits the band – which also comprises bassist/vocalist Paul Wittmann and drummer Ryan Horky – has been busy adulting and dealing with a series of issues and mishaps.

"The last couple years have just been stop-and-starts with life," Hassenger said. "Paul and I have been busier than ever, Tommy has a million bands. Horky had surgery on his wrist so he could keep playing drums. We talked about it and agreed it's been frustrating for a while. It seems like the perfect time to have a good ending while the vibe between all of us is still cool and positive."

For this final performance, Pierce is using shore-leave time from the Navy and will perform much of the show alongside the current lineup. The last time he reunited with Frank and Earnest was one year ago at Fledge Fest.

"We worked around Otis' availability," Hassenger said. "He is going to play a ton of the set with us. We're going to play our 'Old Francis' EP in its entirety during the show and some songs we haven't played in years – it'll be fun to do it one last time."

This final show is not only a last hur-

Romance in Williamston Local romance authors win RITAs

By **BILL CASTANIER**

What are the odds that two Williamston authors were selected as finalists for prestigious awards given annually by the Romance Writers of America?

Romance writers Darcy Woods and Lyssa Kay Adams, aren't as much interested in computing those odds as they are in talking about how they became romance writers and how excited they are to be RITA finalists, which is sort of like the National Book Award for the Romance genre.

The two aren't competing directly against each other for the award, because their writing is entered in different categories. Darcy Woods' "Summer of Supernovas" weighs in as a finalist in two categories Best Young Adult Romance and Best First Book, while Adams' book, "Wild in Rio" is a finalist for Best Romance Novella.

Woods' novel also won the Golden Heart Award in 2013 given by the Romance Writers of America (RWA) for an author's unpublished manuscript.

The content of the two books is as different as night and day. "Summer of Supernovas" follows a geeky teenage girl

on an astrology-fueled journey of love while "Wild in Rio" is a more adult look at two Olympic athletes who find love in the Rio Olympic village.

Their books were selected from more than 2,000 entries submitted to the Romance Writers of America's annual contest.

Talking to the two authors on a conference call is like listening to two best friends finishing each other's sentences and playing off of each other's excitement in a "you're the best; no, you are better" rap.

The two recalled the day they learned they were both named finalists. The RWA has a system much like the NBA Draft, but with seemingly random phone calls being made to the 80 finalists over a four-hour period. The entrants from across the globe know that the finalists will be notified, but they have to sit by the phone waiting anxiously as the clock ticks down.

Woods, who was at home when the call came, described the selection process as "Very dramatic."

"It wouldn't be romance writing if there wasn't some drama," Woods said. "I was home attempting to write. I heard the phone and thought this could be the call," she said.

It was and Woods who calls herself "an emotional fast tracker" said she started "screeching and screaming" while jumping on the couch with her husband recording it on his cell phone. Sort of. He forgot to push the button.

Adams' reaction was somewhat more reserved, but she knew being named a finalist is a big deal within the genre.

"It's a career boost. RITA finalists get special receptions and interviews with book bloggers," Adams said, "Waiting was like the Hunger Games. It was horrible."

She got the call while sitting in Espresso Royale on Lake Lansing Road.

"I never expected to be a finalist. It was something to check off my list," she said.

Although the two authors live in the same city they didn't know each other until meeting at a gathering of the Capital City Writers Association, an organization, founded by Adams in 2013.

Woods said, "The group has been really valuable to me. It gave me so many more tools and I was able to connect

with peers."

Though each writer is working diligently now on their next book projects, both spoke candidly about their ups and downs as authors with book reviews and other digital kudos or criticisms on platforms like Twitter.

Adams said her stints in journalism and working under constant deadline helped her recognize what she calls a "discipline for words" and develop a "thick skin."

She recalls getting emails when she wrote as Louise Knott Ahern for the Lansing State Journal that were "straight up threats" and others asking questions like "where did you go to school-the clown school of journalism?"

Adams' first book "Wild in Rio" was also self-published which until recently was looked down upon in the publishing industry.

"The trend is so interesting," she said. "The Romance genre has pioneered that. It went from almost nobody self-published to being asked why aren't you thinking of self-publishing."

Adams said digital publishing really began taking off in erotica with "super-secret pen names."

It was also difficult for Woods.

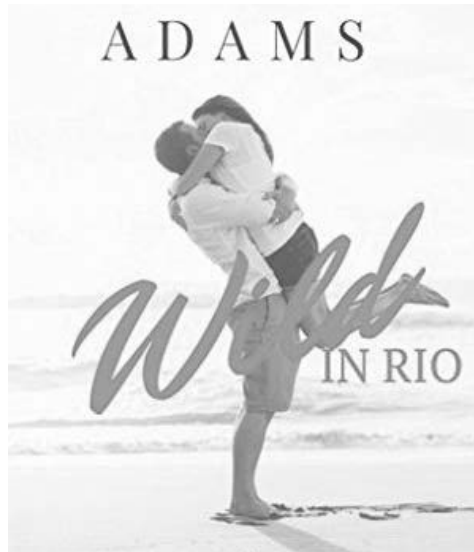
"I didn't take any writing classes and I Forrest Gumped my way through it before I began to have the wisdom to see everything through my own lens," she said.

"Now, if I don't know the person reviewing my book and if I read something negative I stop reading and I move on." (Full disclosure this author reviewed "Supernovas" when it came out last year. For more information about the authors go to darcywoods.com or lyssakayadams.com

On Tuesday, July 18, Lyssa Kay Adams will join several other members of the Capital City Writers' Association at the Eastwood Towne Center as they discuss their new work. Adams' newest book "Seventh Inning Hero: The Vegas Aces" is about a talented baseball player who becomes an Army Ranger after his best friend is killed in the 9-11 attacks. After he loses his leg he returns to baseball as the manager of the Vegas Aces and of course a woman and romance are involved.



Darcy Woods' "Summer of Supernovas" is a finalist in two Rita categories.



Lyssa Kay Adams' Wild in Rio is a finalist for Best Romance Novella

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Last hurrah

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rah with Pierce, it will also serve as a release show for one last DIY release – engineered last minute by McCord, who produces albums for his own locally-operated GTG Records imprint.

“The farewell EP will feature all new recordings, new songs, a couple covers,” McCord said. “Everyone who’s been in Frank and Earnest over the years is contributing to it. We’re still recording it but so far it’s going great.”

Hassenger said, aside from the band’s first song “Stick a Fork in Me I’m Done,” the quintessential Frank and Earnest track is likely “87” – a rambunctious rocker written by Pierce. It’s closed out many of the group’s live performances.

“It’s super catchy and people always enjoy it,” Hassenger said. “I didn’t write that song, but Otis was just feeling really frustrated with where he was at and what he was doing at that point in his life. The chorus of the song is, ‘I’ve been fucking this up since 1987. It’s about, ‘I know I’m not where I want be, how do I get there?’ but then not knowing how to do it.”

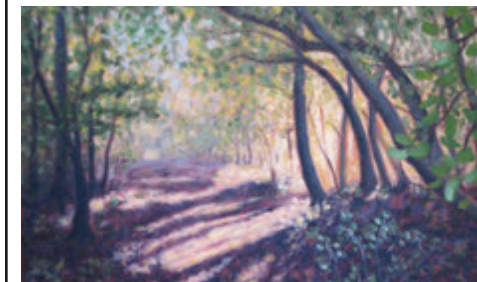
“A lot of people identify with that, it’s a pretty timeless struggle for a lot of people,” he added. “In a lot of ways, that was a common sentiment that was in a lot of Frank and Earnest songs.”

Those close to the band also know a far less serious side of Frank and Earnest – especially when the band was moonlighting as Paul Dubya and the Oak River Bridge Boys Band, a low-brow, tongue-in-cheek, “pop-country band.” One evening in 2014 at Mac’s Bar, the alter-ego country outfit subbed for Frank Earnest in front of a bewildered crowd.

“We thought it’d be funny if Paul Dubya did an AC/DC tribute set,” Hassenger recalled. “We just did it randomly at this show that was supposed to be Frank and Earnest. We didn’t tell anybody, just got up there in our country regalia and did ‘Highway to Hell,’ ‘Big Balls’ and all that. We did ‘Down on Me’ by Jekyll because we didn’t understand it wasn’t an AC/DC song. Half of the crowd was like, ‘I don’t know what this is, but this is awesome!’ The other half, was like, ‘What the hell? Who are these people? Is this a real band?’”

Jokes aside, Hassenger said some of his fondest memories were playing multiple GTG Fests and warming up stages for iconic bands like the Smoking Popes. Winning the “Best Band” in City Pulse’s Top of the Town contest was also a surprising honor.

“We won that twice – 2011 and 2012,” Hassenger recalled. “We were stunned both times, I voted for the Plurals both years. I didn’t even vote for us. We were like, ‘Who is voting for us?’ It was very confusing. Because of that, to this day, and we think this is very funny, we are the only punk band listed on the Lansing Wikipedia page. If nothing else, we have that going for us.”

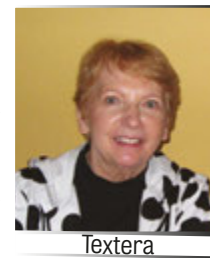


“Sunrise in Fenner Park” by artist Carolyn Texera is a view of the path in Fenner Park, Lansing, at sunrise. Oil painting.

Meet the artist

From doctor to artist

By CLARISSA KELL



Texera

When a natural talent develops, is it worth it to pursue? Carolyn Texera had to ask herself this when she realized she had a natural ability to create.

Texera found her skill young, but never pursued a career in art. She became a doctor. It wasn’t until her 40s that she began painting and drawing again.

Texera quit her job and has been painting full-time for 25 years. “I realized you couldn’t just mess around for an hour on a Saturday,” Texera said.

She grew up in California and went to medical school there. It wasn’t until after graduate school that she moved to Michigan. Texera took art classes at Lansing Community College and from other artists.

Because she became an artist later in life, and learning other mediums takes time, she stuck with oil painting as her sole art form. Conveniently, oil painting is also her favorite.

“The things I like about (oil painting), others say are the reasons they don’t like it,” Texera said. “I like that it doesn’t dry right away, you can come back to your painting after a day and the paint is still wet.”

She also has a favorite subject.

“My favorite thing is to paint people,” Texera said. “If you’re going to paint them, you have to go out and find them.”

This cover was first a photograph she took at the Lansing Fourth of July parade in 2014. “I took about 100 pictures of people,” Texera said. “I looked at the pictures on a computer and the one of the couple waving the flags looked fabulous. I can’t say it looks exactly like the photo. I changed up the background, there was a chain-link fence and ugly weeds. That’s the nice thing about painting, you can change it up.”

Texera’s major career choices are wildly different from each other, but she said it wasn’t a struggle transitioning from doctor to artist. “The biggest transition was I didn’t have to get all dressed up for work anymore,” Texera said.

UPLIFTING

OUT ON THE TOWN

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Wednesday, June 28

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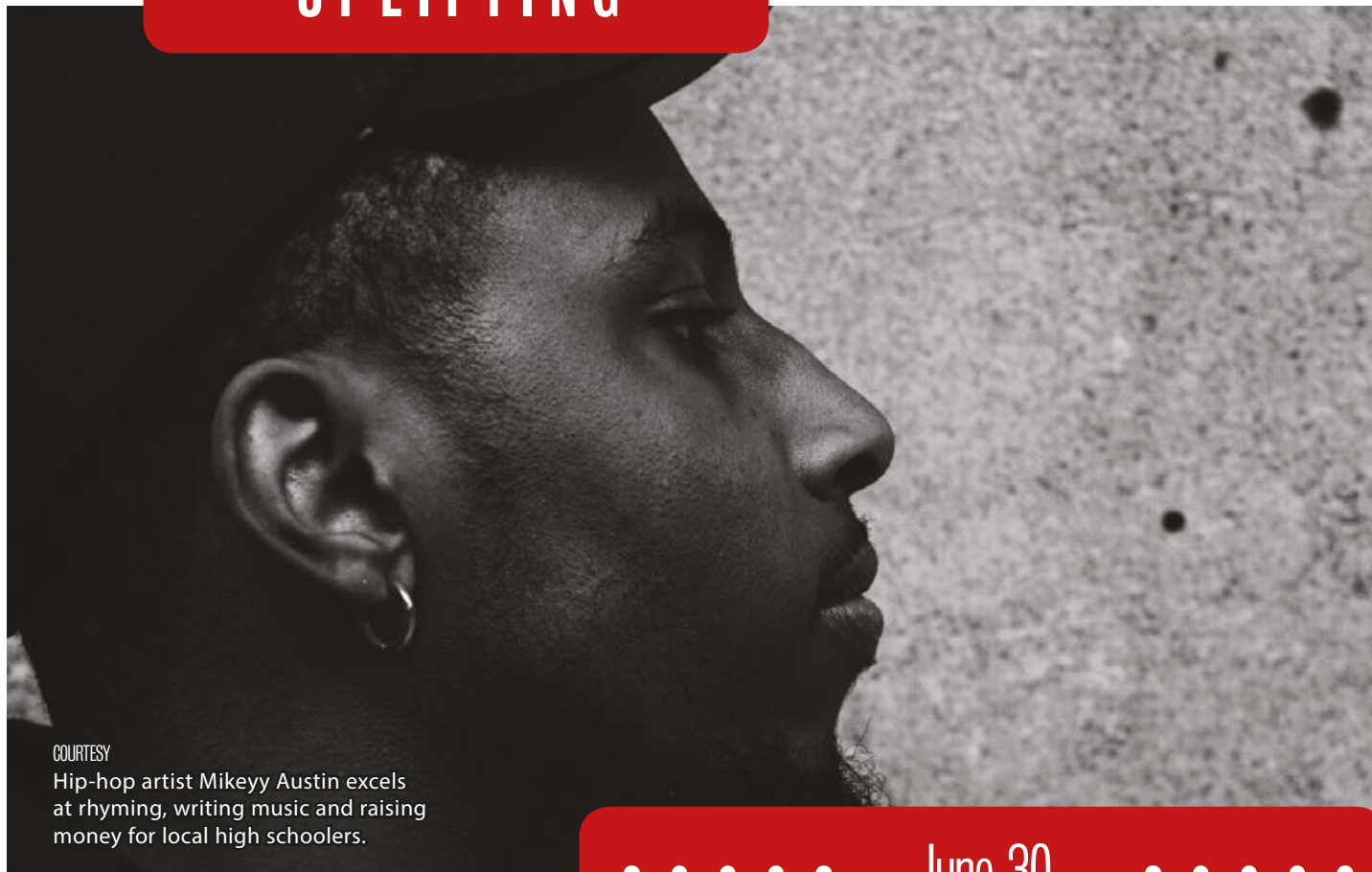
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COURTESY

Hip-hop artist Mikey Austin excels at rhyming, writing music and raising money for local high schoolers.

June 30

Mikey Austin is quick. His rhymes are quick, his wit is quick he even picks up the phone quickly, only letting it ring once before answering for this interview. And at only 20 years old, the Lansing hip-hop artist is quick to give back. In the last year, Austin has not only released his debut full-length album, "L I F T E D," but has also raised \$4,000 in scholarship money for community high schoolers.

"It's been in me for a long time," said Austin of his need to create music, who has been writing and performing songs since he was only 5. Currently, Austin collaborates with hip-hop artists around Michigan, writes and performs original music with his band, the Happy Medium, and participates in educational, music-based community outreach programs with All of the Above Hip Hop Academy.

It's obvious that the arts are more than just a hobby for Austin, they're a creative force of communal good for the young hip-hop artist. But not everyone champions artistic output like he does.

For some, the arts are viewed as more of a hobby than a career. As a graduate of Lansing's Eastern High

School, Austin knows that this view can be dangerous, leading to art programs being defunded at the high school level. Austin took this budget deficit problem into his own hands and started an initiative to raise money for the arts.

Austin started a run of shows hosted at the Robin Theatre, called the REO Town Sessions meant to bring local artists together regardless of genre, artform or medium to raise money for high school artists.

"We wanted to make the sessions bigger than just a campaign or hashtag," said Austin, who wanted the shows to have a lasting impact. Austin raised \$4,000 in donations from the REO Town Sessions that went to Eastern High School students with plans to pursue the arts after high school. The money will go to the college or secondary education program of their choice to enable them to pursue their passion.

"We wanted to dispel that myth that the arts are just like a hobby," said Austin. "For the students who want to pursue arts, we want to let them know that it is positive, that it is constructive and that there are a

lot of life lessons that you can learn through the arts."

With a growing career in hip-hop and a show at the Robin Theatre this Friday, Austin looks to the future to keep connecting with artists, book more shows and release new music. But his biggest endeavor has always been community outreach.

"I want to use my music as a platform to give back to the community," said Austin, and as that platform expands, he hopes to do bigger and better things. With next year's REO Town Sessions, Austin hopes to raise \$10,000.

Austin's scholarship is a reminder to students that the Lansing community supports them and their passion.

"Whether its tuition, books or whatever they many need, the money is there to tell them we support them in any way possible," said Austin.

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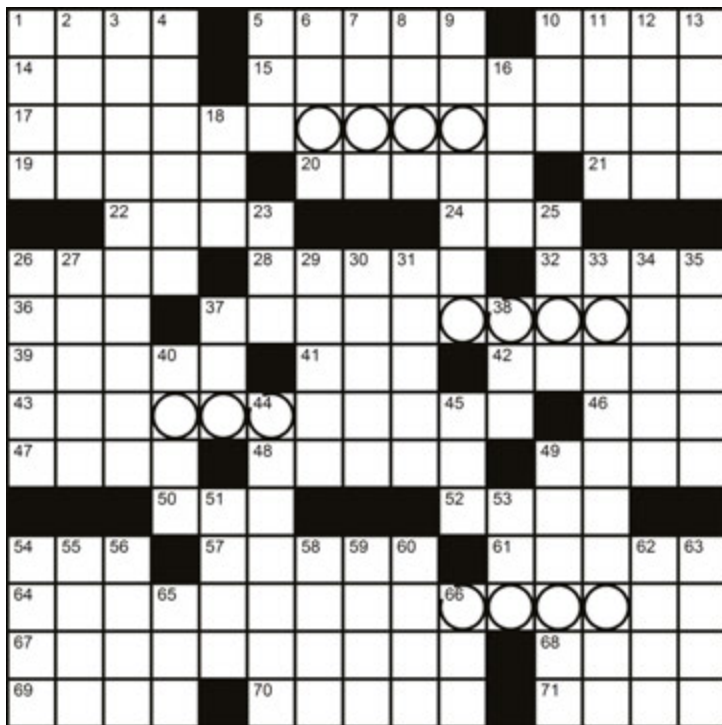
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Matt Jones

Across

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- 10 Get to the end of Julius Caesar, in a way?
- 14 "The Book of Mormon" location
- 15 Impractical
- 17 1999 Drew Barrymore rom-com (and James Franco's film debut)
- 19 Kind of board at a nail salon
- 20 Passover feast
- 21 Some laptops
- 22 Have the appearance of
- 24 Bit of bitters
- 26 Protection for goalies
- 28 "You ___ awesome!"
- 32 Tomato on some pizzas
- 36 Mo. with both National Beer Day and National Pretzel Day
- 37 His first public jump in 1965 was over rattlesnakes and two mountain lions
- 39 Sewing kit staple
- 41 Nintendo's ___ Sports
- 42 "Fidelio," for one
- 43 Star of "The Birds" and grandmother of Dakota Johnson
- 46 Cup lip
- 47 Effortlessness
- 48 "Awake and Sing!" playwright Clifford
- 49 Bi- times four
- 50 Mitch's husband on "Modern Family"
- 52 Tickle Me Elmo toymaker
- 54 Org. in "Concussion"
- 57 "Wheel of Fortune"



- host since 1981
 - 61 Actress Woodard of "St. Elsewhere"
 - 64 "Enough already!"
 - 67 Constitutional amendment that established Prohibition
 - 68 WWE wrestler John
 - 69 "The Bone Garden" writer Gerritsen
 - 70 Online magazine once owned by Microsoft
 - 71 Shoe brand with the old slogan "They feel good"
- Down**
- 1 Frank Herbert sci-fi series
 - 2 "Big ticket" thing
 - 3 Listens in
 - 4 "___ the door ..."
 - 5 New reporter
 - 6 Washington bills
 - 7 For ___ (not pro bono)
 - 8 Put in the mail
 - 9 Accepts, as respon-
 - sibility
 - 10 "Pretty sneaky, ___" (Connect Four ad line)
 - 11 1/2 of a fl. oz.
 - 12 He has a recurring role as The Donald
 - 13 "___ Are Burning" (Midnight Oil hit)
 - 16 Apple voice assistant
 - 18 Deli sandwich option
 - 23 Dallas pro baller, for short
 - 25 Get ready, slangily
 - 26 Kindergarten glop
 - 27 Via ___ (famous Italian road)
 - 29 Got hitched again
 - 30 Say "comfortable" or "Worcestershire," maybe
 - 31 Avoid, as an issue
 - 33 How some daytime daters meet
 - 34 Reason for a scout's badge
 - 35 Fictional beer on "King of the Hill"
 - 37 Wallace of "Stargate Universe" or Wallach of "The Magnificent Seven"
 - 38 Charged particle
 - 40 Gp. that includes Nigeria and Iraq
 - 44 Respectful tributes
 - 45 Suffix denoting the ultimate
 - 49 Time-based contraction
 - 51 "I don't want to break up ___"
 - 53 Ex-NBA star Ming
 - 54 No, to Putin
 - 55 Pate de ___ gras
 - 56 Carries with effort
 - 58 "Community" star
 - 59 Tolstoy's "___ Karenina"
 - 60 Etta of bygone comics pages
 - 62 Kentucky senator ___ Paul
 - 63 Geological time spans
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 - 66 Definite article

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TO PLAY

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Free Will Astrology

By Rob Brezсны

June 28 - July 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a perfect moment to create a new tradition, Aries. You intuitively know how to turn one of your recent breakthroughs into a good habit that will provide continuity and stability for a long time to come. You can make a permanent upgrade in your life by capitalizing on an accidental discovery you made during a spontaneous episode. It's time, in other words, to convert the temporary assistance you received into a long-term asset; to use a stroke of luck to foster a lasting pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Physicist Freeman Dyson told "Wired" magazine how crucial it is to learn from failures. As an example, he described the invention of the bicycle. "There were thousands of weird models built and tried before they found the one that really worked," he said. "You could never design a bicycle theoretically. Even now, it's difficult to understand why a bicycle works. But just by trial and error, we found out how to do it, and the error was essential." I hope you will keep that in mind, Taurus. It's the Success-Through-Failure Phase of your astrological cycle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you should lease a chauffeured stretch limousine with nine TVs and a hot tub inside. You'd also be smart to accessorize your smooth ride with a \$5,000-bottle of Château Le Pin Pomerol Red Bordeaux wine and servings of the Golden Opulence Sundae, which features a topping of 24-karat edible gold and sprinkles of Amedei Porcelana, the most expensive chocolate in the world. If none of that is possible, do the next best thing, which is to mastermind a long-term plan to bring more money into your life. From an astrological perspective, wealth-building activities will be favored in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When Leos rise above their habit selves and seize the authority to be rigorously authentic, I refer to them as Sun Queens or Sun Kings. When you Cancerians do the same -- triumph over your conditioning and become masters of your own destiny -- I call you Moon Queens or Moon Kings. In the coming weeks, I suspect that many of you will make big strides towards earning this title. Why? Because you're on the verge of claiming more of the "soft power," the potent sensitivity, that enables you to feel at home no matter what you're doing or where you are on this planet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may not realize it, but you now have a remarkable power to perform magic tricks. I'm not talking about Houdini-style hocus-pocus. I'm referring to practical wizardry that will enable you to make relatively efficient transformations in your daily life. Here are some of the possibilities: wiggling out of a tight spot without offending anyone; conjuring up a new opportunity for yourself out of thin air; doing well on a test even though you don't feel prepared for it; converting a seemingly tough twist of fate into a fertile date with destiny. How else would you like to use your magic?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Feminist pioneer and author Gloria Steinem said, "Writing is the only thing that, when I do it, I don't feel I should be doing something else." Is there such an activity for you, Virgo? If not, now is a favorable time to identify what it is. And if there is indeed such a passionate pursuit, you should do it as much as possible in the coming weeks. You're primed for a breakthrough in your relationship with this life-giving joy. To evolve to the next phase of its power to inspire you, it needs as much of your love and intelligence as you can spare.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): One of the 21st century's most entertaining archaeological events was the discovery of King Richard III's bones. The English monarch died in 1485, but his burial site had long been a mystery. It wasn't an archaeologist who tracked down his remains, but a screenwriter named Philippa Langley. She did extensive historical research, narrowing down the pos-

sibilities to a car park in Leicester. As she wandered around there, she got a psychic impression at one point that she was walking directly over Richard's grave. Her feeling later turned out to be right. I suspect your near future will have resemblances to her adventure. You'll have success in a mode that's not your official area of expertise. Sharp analytical thinking will lead you to the brink, and a less rational twist of intelligence will take you the rest of the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The tides of destiny are no longer just whispering their message for you. They are shouting. And what they are shouting is that your brave quest must begin soon. There can be no further excuses for postponement. What's that you say? You don't have the luxury of embarking on a brave quest? You're too bogged down in the thousand and one details of managing the day-to-day hubbub? Well, in case you need reminding, the tides of destiny are not in the habit of making things convenient. And if you don't cooperate willingly, they will ultimately compel you to do so. But now here's the really good news, Scorpio: The tides of destiny will make available at least one burst of assistance that you can't imagine right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In my dream, I used the non-itchy wool of the queen's special Merino sheep to weave an enchanted blanket for you. I wanted this blanket to be a good luck charm you could use in your crusade to achieve deeper levels of romantic intimacy. In its tapestry I spun scenes depicting the most love-filled events from your past. It was beautiful and perfect. But after I finished it, I had second thoughts about giving it to you. Wasn't it a mistake to make it so flawless? Shouldn't it also embody the messier aspects of togetherness? To turn it into a better symbol and therefore a more dynamic talisman, I spilled wine on one corner of it and unraveled some threads in another corner. Now here's my interpretation of my dream: You're ready to regard messiness as an essential ingredient in your quest for deeper intimacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your word of power is "supplication" -- the act of asking earnestly and humbly for what you want. When practiced correctly, "supplication" is indeed a sign of potency, not of weakness. It means you are totally united with your desire, feel no guilt or shyness about it, and intend to express it with liberated abandon. Supplication makes you supple, poised to be flexible as you do what's necessary to get the blessing you yearn for. Being a supplicant also makes you smarter, because it helps you realize that you can't get what you want on the strength of your willful ego alone. You need grace, luck, and help from sources beyond your control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In the coming weeks, your relationships with painkillers will be extra sweet and intense. Please note that I'm not talking about ibuprofen or acetaminophen or aspirin. My reference to painkillers is metaphorical. What I'm predicting is that you will have a knack for finding experiences that reduce your suffering. You'll have a sixth sense about where to go to get the most meaningful kinds of healing and relief. Your intuition will guide you to initiate acts of atonement and forgiveness, which will in turn ameliorate your wounds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't wait around passively as you fantasize about becoming the "Chosen One" of some person or group or institution. Be your own Chosen One. And don't wander around aimlessly, biding your time in the hope of eventually being awarded some prize or boon by a prestigious source. Give yourself a prize or boon. Here's one further piece of advice, Pisces: Don't postpone your practical and proactive intentions until the mythical "perfect moment" arrives. Create your own perfect moment.

Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA

SINCERE RELEASES "THE SHINING" AT MAC'S BAR



Saturday, July 1 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$12, \$10 adv., 8 p.m.

As a former member of the Mid Mobb section, a Lansing-based rap group, Sincere has been a fixture in the local hip-hop scene for almost a decade. Now living in Fort Lauderdale, he returns to the Capital City to release his new full-length, "The Shining." The album, years in the making, drops digitally August 4 worldwide, but Sincere is releasing an early physical edition Saturday at his record release show. The Mic-Club event, set for Mac's Bar, also features Coach Pe\$o, M.O.E., Jahshua Smith and J. Chase. As for the new disc, Sincere said the tracks were inspired from his youth in Flint, years living in Lansing and his recent time spent in Atlanta and Florida. "The album has a connecting-flights theme – situations in each city," he said. "It's 100 percent about my life issues and triumphs: the streets, love, life and politics." Fans of Mobb Deep or Nas might want to check out "The Shining" LP.

SAT., JULY 1ST

\$1 NACHO PUNK NIGHT, THE GLORYHOLES AT THE AVENUE CAFÉ



THURS., JULY 6TH

The Gloryholes

Thursday, July 6 @ The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 21+, FREE, 9 p.m.

The Avenue Café hosts another night of free live music, along with \$1 vegan and regular nachos served at midnight. Headlining the show is the Gloryholes, a Memphis-based pop-punk outfit that describes itself as "three gay guys that play all original gay punk songs." The trio is comprised of some colorful stage names, including: Harry Manhole (guitar/vocals), Tri-pod Rod (drums/vocals) and bassist/vocalist Gacey Slater. Sharing the stage is Half Tongue, a newly formed East Lansing band comprising Tiffany Hannay (vocals/guitar), Duncan Tarr (bass) and drummer James Spreitzer. Fans of '90s grunge bands like Hole or Toadies might want to check them out. Rounding out the bill are Matt Wixson's Flying Circus and Miski Dee of City Mouse.

CANAAN SMITH AT THE LOFT



FRI., JUNE 30TH

Canaan Smith

Friday, June 30 @ The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. \$20, \$12.75 adv., 8 p.m.

Country artist Canaan Smith, along with opener Kari Holmes, perform an all-ages show Friday at The Loft. Smith, 34, is Mercury Records-signed singer/songwriter known for his 2011 debut single, "We Got Us" and his follow-up single, 2014's "Love You Like That." Smith, a Virginia native, moved to Nashville in 2009 after penning a No. 10 Billboard Country hit, "Runaway," for the band Love and Theft. By 2014, as he was completing his debut LP, "Bronco," Rolling Stone Magazine listed him as one of the "10 Artists You Need to Know." Aside from modern country, Smith has also delved into reality television as a contestant on season 15 of "The Amazing Race." Last year, he also performed on the season finale of "Bar Rescue."

UPCOMING SHOW?

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LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Krissy Booth, 8 p.m.	The Revenant, 9 p.m.	Frank and Earnest Farewell Show, 8 p.m.
Buddies - Holt, 2040 N Aurelius Rd	John Persico, 6 p.m.	Bobby Standal, 6 p.m.	Paullie O., 6 p.m.	
Buddies - Okemos, 1937 W Grand River Ave			Rush Clement, 9 p.m.	
Brookshire Inn, 205 W. Church St.			Chris Laskos, 7 p.m.	
Coach's, 6201 Bishop Rd	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Pool Tourny, 7:30 a.m.	Alskn "walleye" AYCE	
Eaton Rapids Craft Co., 204 N Main St.		Daryn Lerner, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles 6 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 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!!	Avon Bomb, 9 p.m.	ICY DICEY, Cybil and the Beast
Harpers, 131 Albert Ave.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.	Steve Cowles, 5 p.m.
Harrison Roadhouse, 720 E. Michigan Ave.			Sarah Brunner, 5:30 p.m.	
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.,		North of Dixie, 8 p.m.	Canaan Smith, 8 p.m.	
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Moment 44, 8 p.m.		The Plastic Bears, 8 p.m.	Sincere and Iciban Cy, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open Mic w/ Jen Sygit, 9 p.m.	Stella, 9 p.m.	From Big Sur, 9 p.m.	
Meridian Township July 4th, 5151 Marsh Road				Life Support, 3 p.m.
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	Shawn Garth Walker, 6 p.m.	Alistair Beerens, 6 p.m.	Bobby Standal, 6 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	Bob Standal, 6 p.m.	Kathy Ford - Duo, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	Jacob Ford, 6 p.m.	Chris Laskos, 6 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.
Watershed Tavern and Grill 5965 Marsh Rd.	Steve Spies, 7 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 7 p.m.		

Out on the town

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Music with The Storytellers (All ages). Global stories and musical instruments. 10 - 11 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries South Lansing Branch, 3500 S. Cedar St. Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

Picnic Storytime. For preschool/elementary aged children. Stories, songs and more. 11 a.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St. Grand Ledge. (517) 627-7014. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Puppeteer Alex Thomas. Jokes, stories and lots of fun. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Williamston Branch, 201 School Street Williamston. (517) 655-1191.

ARTS

Conscience of the Human Spirit: The Life of Nelson Mandela. Work by African-American

quilters. 12 - 2 p.m. FREE. Lookout! Gallery, 362 Bogue St., MSU, East Lansing. ow.ly/Df7630cQvDL

Pop Up Demo: Pamela Wilburn. Demos from professional exhibiting artists. 12 - 1 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 113 S. Washington Square Lansing. (517) 374-6400. lansingartgallery.org

Thursday, June 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

(TOPS) Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m. In room 207. 6 p.m. First meeting FREE. Haslett Middle School, 1535 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 927-4307.

A Course in Miracles. Group on peace through forgiveness. 7 - 9 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S. Holmes, Lansing. (517) 371-3010. nitylansing.org. UnityLansingOffice@gmail.com.

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

Celebrate Recovery. For all types of hurts and hang-ups. 6 p.m. Donations welcome. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. ow.ly/p9iv30cQGgi.

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

Lansing Reiki Share. All are welcome. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE/Donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3 Lansing. willowstickceremonies.com.

EVENTS

Bedazzling Vintage Photos (Age 14 and up). With glitter, pens and more. Call ahead. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Mason Branch, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-9088.

Build a Better Bird House (Age 7 and up). Registration Required. 1 - 2 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Okemos Branch, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 347-2021.

Classroom Critters (All ages) Learn how

animals fit their habitat and lifestyle. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Mason Branch, 145 W. Ash St., Mason. (517) 676-9088.

12-Step Meeting. AA/NA/CA all welcome. Every Tuesday/Thursday in room 209. 12 - 1 p.m. FREE. Donations welcome. Cristo Rey Community Center, 1717 N. High St., Lansing.

City of Lansing At Large Council Members Candidate Forum. Meet candidates running. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE. Capitol Area District Library, 401 South Capitol, Lansing. (517) 487-5001.

Dr. Slime--Build with Chemistry (All ages). Learn about chemicals. 1:30-2:15 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Foster Branch, 200 North Foster, Lansing. (517) 485-5185.

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

Spanish Conversation. Practice listening/speaking Spanish. 7 - 8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

Friday, June 30

MUSIC

Summer of Love Concert Events featuring Global Village. At 7 p.m. Lansing Brewing Company, 518 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. (517) 371-2600.

EVENTS

Phantom of the Universe. Presentation on dark matter. 8 - 9:30 p.m. \$3-4. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-4676.

Saturday, July 01

MUSIC

Summer Music Series at Henry's Place. Light jazz, acoustics & blues. 9 p.m. - midnight. Henry's Place Neighborhood Gastro Sports Bar, 4926 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 580-3075. pubmeridian.com.

EVENTS

Spartan Young Astronomers Club. For kids ages 8-12 who love learning about astronomy. 10 a.m. - noon. \$3. Memberships available. Abrams Planetarium, 755 Science Road East Lansing. (517) 355-4672. abrams@pa.msu.edu.

ARTS

Bird Portraits -- Lino Cut Prints. New works by Lezlee Worthington through July 31. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-3106. hgordontaylor50@gmail.com.

Sunday, July 02

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Charlotte Yoga Club. Beginner to intermediate. 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. \$5 annually. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence, Charlotte. (517) 285-0138. charlotteyoga.net. ericareilly@outlook.com.

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

Kendo Martial Art Class. Martial arts practice group. 10 - 11:30 a.m. \$5. Westside Community YMCA, 3700 Old Lansing Road, Lansing. (269) 425-6677. ow.ly/kO5y30cIOyN.

EVENTS

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

Monday, July 03

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

A Course in Love. Weekly group dedicated to spiritual psychology. 1 - 2 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, 230 S., Holmes Lansing. (517) 371-3010. unitylansing.org. UnityLansingOffice@gmail.com.

Support Group. For the divorced, separated & widowed. Room 9. 7:30 p.m. St., Davids Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Rd. Lansing. (517) 323-2272.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Better Living Book Club. "Irrationally Yours" by Dan Ariely. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road East Lansing. (517) 351-2420. elpl.org.

MUSIC

New Horizons Community Band. Learn to play an instrument or dust off an old one. 6 - 8 p.m. MSU Community Music School, 4930 Hagadorn Road, East Lansing. (517) 355-7661. cms.msu.edu.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF EAST LANSING INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A RESOLUTION TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, THE QUESTION WHETHER ORDINANCE NO. 1413, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MICHIGAN UNIFORM CITY INCOME TAX, SHALL BE APPROVED.

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing is organized and operates as a Home Rule City pursuant to its Charter, and under the provisions of the Home Rule Cities Act, 1909 P.A. 279, as amended, MCL 117.1, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the East Lansing City Council, on June 20, 2017, adopted the uniform city income tax ordinance, being Chapter 2 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964 by reference, subject to the approval of the ordinance by the qualified and registered electors of the City of East Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks the approval of the electors in order to effectuate the City Income Tax Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the question of whether to approve Ordinance No. 1413 shall be submitted to the electors of the City of East Lansing at the general election to be held in the City on November 7, 2017, which question shall read as follows:

Ballot Question

Shall Ordinance No. 1413, adopting the uniform city income tax ordinance, which imposes an annual rate of tax on corporations and resident individuals of one percent and on non resident individuals of .5 percent, effective January 1, 2018, be approved?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall do and perform all acts required of said Clerk by the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan and such case made and provided in regard to the registration of electors for said election, the giving of notice thereof, the giving of notice of such election, the preparation and furnishing of necessary ballots, and for the conduct of such election.

A true copy of this resolution can be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan during normal business hours.

Marie E. Wick
City Clerk

CP#17-189

JUNE 29 >> DIAMONDS IN THE RUST AT CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD

If soul funk fusion does not tickle your fancy, the Old Town General Store has a Midwest urban folk band to add some twang to your Thursday night. Concerts in the Courtyard is back with another installment. A portion of the ticket proceeds go towards supporting Music is the Foundation, which benefits music programs in the Mid-Michigan area. Listen to music as you help fund others to learn to create it. Diamonds in the Rust is a new collective of folk musicians Annie & Rod Capps, Jim Bizer, Jan Krist and Alan Finkbeiner. Each musician has their own notable accomplishments to brag about, but you will be the judge of that. Take a seat in the flower-lined courtyard and listen to them prove it. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Old Town General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-6847. oldtown-generalstore.com/concerts-in-the-courtyard/.

JUNE 28 >> KEENAN WINERY WINE TASTING

You have heard of a line-up, but what about a wine-up? The Kellogg Center is offering an exclusive taste — literally — of six wines usually unavailable for sampling. Kristen Pennington and Tokár Glenn lead you through this special experience available on Michigan State's campus. These exclusive tastes include chardonnay, mernet reserve, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and zinfandel, all ranging from four to five years old. These Napa Valley specials hail straight from Spring Mountain District, which is highly acclaimed in the viticulture society. Basically, it should taste a little better than that boxed wine on the kitchen counter at home. The casual mix and mingle event features appetizers from the State Room chefs to complement the evening buzz, meant in both meanings of the word. You can always go back to Franzia tomorrow. 5:30-7 p.m. \$35. Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing. (517) 432-5049, rhs.msu.edu.



GUYTON'S HEIRLOOM CUISINE

Photo By Allan I. Ross

Guyton's Heirloom Cuisine inside the Lansing Mall food court specializes in farm-to-table comfort food items. It also doubles as a training kitchen for the fledgling Michigan College of Professional Hospitality. Allan I. Ross/City Pulse

By ALLAN I. ROSS

It seems like Hollywood's reboot/remake trend has officially crossed over into the real world, at least here in Lansing. Last week it was the **Unicorn Tavern** in Old Town being transformed from a blue-collar shift bar into the **Unicorn Lounge**, a trendy, tongue-in-cheek take on the dive bar concept. This week comes the news that a newly formed team of restaurateurs is ready to breathe new life into two other historic watering holes: **Art's Bar** near downtown Lansing and **the Barn** in Grand Ledge.

Nick Sinicropi, owner of **Good Truckin' Diner** in REO Town will join forces with his brother, Greg Sinicropi, owner of **Crossroads Grill and Bar** in Leslie, and Donn Thomas and Sedric Audas, the former owners of **Gilbert & Blake's** in Okemos, to make it happen. The group is keeping details under wrap for now, but they have made it clear that both properties will undergo massive renovations, and a new (well, slightly tweaked) name for Art's Bar. Henceforth, it shall be known as **Art's Pub**. And yes, its most famous menu item is set to return.

"Nick and I will be doing our best to restore the original pizza recipe and have that back in the Lansing market," said Greg Sinicropi in a Facebook post. "I grew up eating it and loved it. We have been in contact with (former co-owner) Nancy (Yager) and will be talking to some of the past employees about opportunities with us. (We'll be) sharing some of the old traditions and starting new ones."

Nick Sinicropi is currently moving Good Truckin' Diner into a nearby space in REO Town that will allow him to nearly quintuple in size. He said the menus at the Barn and Art's Pub will crossover slightly, but will remain mostly distinct from his diner's specialty items, which focus on upscale versions of greasy spoon staples. Given

the scope of these multiple projects, no firm timeline is being given about when we might see these new incarnations.

"The buildings need a lot of work and there's a lot of paperwork to do, so it's definitely going to take some time to get there," Sinicropi said. "But the (building sales and license transfers) have been approved, so that's a giant step forward."

The team plans to spend more than half a million dollars upgrading the two properties, including a massive patio and roll-up garage-style doors to Art's Pub, 809 E. Michigan Ave., as well as new windows for the Barn, 207 S. Bridge St.

"Like a lot of people, (my brother and I) grew up in Art's and it meant a lot to us," Nick Sinicropi said. "When (we) met Rick and Donn, they felt the same way and saw the potential we saw. It's been a long process that my brother and I fought hard for and refused to give up on."

Home court advantage

After more than a year of effort, first-time restaurateur Taurian Guyton has finally launched his combination restaurant/hospitality school concept, albeit in a rather unconventional location. Last week, **Guyton's Heirloom Cuisine** opened in the food court at the **Lansing Mall**, serving gourmet versions of home-style favorites. It also doubles as a test kitchen for his newly founded **Michigan College of Professional Hospitality**. Both entities celebrate their grand openings this Saturday.

"I know it's unusual to do this at a mall, but I talked to a district manager about my vision, and she was totally on board," Guyton said. "The best part is there's a lot of flexibility for me here. There are a lot of vacant spaces, and if this goes well, it will give me lots of room to expand."

Guyton initially launched his project at the **Lansing City Market** last fall, but a snafu with grill hood installation stalled his progress. The building has one hood, purchased and installed by Carol "Red" Smith at the now defunct **Red's Smokehouse**, but Guyton was unwilling to purchase it if it meant he couldn't take it with him when he moved.

"I just couldn't justify the cost," Guyton said. "A building inspector told me that if I left, it wouldn't transport well, and \$10,000 is a lot of money to just leave behind. I need a hood to do what I'm doing, but (Lansing City Market) just isn't built to be a restaurant."

Guyton said he briefly considered teaming up with the **Waterfront Bar & Grill** inside the market, but decided it wouldn't work because it doesn't use a grill hood, an air circulation/fire suppression system that's necessary investment for restaurants that work with grease. Guyton said a new 10-foot hood runs between \$20,000-\$40,000. Waterfront deals mostly in salads and sandwiches that don't require a hood.

The menu at Guyton's Heirloom Cuisine rotates daily, but sticks to basic comfort foods made using locally sourced ingredients. Recent features include beef stroganoff, enchiladas and tuna casserole, as well as burgers made with a specialty blend of ground beef and "loaded" grilled cheese sandwiches.

"The mall staff wants something different every day, so I've been really popular with them," Guyton said. "And it keeps it easy for the staff, so they don't have to memorize a lot of new things every day. The whole point is to reinforce the learning and to interact with customers."

The Michigan College of Professional Hospitality is a nonprofit school that will begin instruction for its first batch of cohorts in September. Guyton handpicked the first class, based on people he knew who had restaurant experience, but needed additional training in either management or culinary areas.

"The goal is to keep them here teaching, so I can grow the school, which in turn will grow the (restaurant)," Guyton said. "This (first class) are all good people with the same commitment to excellence that I do. This is the only training kitchen in the city. This is something that I think can help a lot of people who have an interest in hospitality, but don't want to spend four years at a university and don't just want to go work for someone else. It's a new model, but I think it can really work."

Guyton's Heirloom Cuisine (in the food court at Lansing Mall)
5330 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday
(844) 811-3276, guytons.farm

EVENTS

Chess, Cribbage, Hand & Foot. Weekly activities at the Center. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road Okemos. (517) 706-5045. ow.ly/5NaB30ani5D.

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

Table Top Art (All ages). Drop in to create art projects from a variety of supplies. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Haslett Branch, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

Tuesday, July 04

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Capital City Toastmasters Meeting. Public speaking/leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE for visitors. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 775-2697. ow.ly/A6Le30cQJTe.

Take off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in 5:15 p.m. In room 207. 6 p.m. FREE first visit.. St. Therese Parish, 102 West Randolph St., Lansing. (517) 927-4307.

MUSIC

Jazz Tuesdays at Moriarty's. Check Facebook to see who is playing. 7 - 10 p.m. FREE. Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 485-5287. ow.ly/Ygua4. jashoup@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Game Night at UrbanBeat. Bring your own, or play provided games. 7 - 11 p.m. FREE. UrbanBeat Events Center, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. urbanbeatevents.com.

4th of July Concert and Fireworks. Patriotic performance by the Lansing Concert Band. Fireworks follow. 8 - 11 p.m. FREE. Adado Riverfront Park, 531 N. Grand Ave., Lansing. (517) 483 - 6074.

4th of July Parade. Along the Capitol Loop. Antique/specialty automobiles, musicians and more! 11 a.m. - noon FREE. Capitol Building, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-6074.

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Bingo, Bridge, and Euchre. Weekly activities at the Meridian Senior Center. 1 to 4:30 p.m. Cost Varies. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045. ow.ly/5VC130aniFJ.

LCC West Toastmasters. Public speaking/ leadership skills. 5 - 6:30 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-1314. lccwest.toastmastersclubs.org.

Mason's Independence Parade. Presented by CP Federal Credit Union. 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. FREE. Downtown Mason, Mason. (517) 676-1046. masonchamber.org.

Overeaters Anonymous. Struggling with food? Overeaters Anonymous offers hope. 7 p.m. Presbyterian Church of Okemos, 2258 Bennett Road, Okemos. (517) 505-0068. oa.org.

Reflexology. Reflex sessions. Call ahead. 10:20 a.m. - 2:50 p.m. \$14/\$12 members. Meridian Senior Center, 4406 Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5045. meridianseniorcenter.weebly.com.

Wednesday, July 05

MUSIC

Benjamin Hall and Friends at Allen Farmers Market. Enjoy a performance. 5 - 6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Market Place, 1629 E Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org.

Great Blues, Soul & Rock and Roll with the Flying Latini Brothers! Wednesdays. 7 - 9 p.m. FREE/Donations. William E. Tennant Performance Shell, 805 W. Park St., Saint Johns. (989) 224-2429.

EVENTS

Bridges to Everywhere (All ages). Learn about bridges and build your own (while supplies last). 2 - 3 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Dansville Branch, 1379 E. Mason St., Dansville. (517) 623-6511.

Bubbleman (Held at Williamston Discovery Elementary School). 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Williamston Branch, 201 School St., Williamston. (517) 655-1191.

Classroom Critters (All ages). Learn how animals fit habitat and lifestyle. 1 - 2 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Holt-Delhi Branch, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6). Engaging stories, songs and activities for early literacy skills. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Webberville Branch, 115 South Main St., Webberville. (517) 521-3643.

Music with Drummunity (All ages). High-energy music circle! 1 to 2 p.m. FREE. Capital Area District Libraries Haslett Branch, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

Wine Night. Wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, conversation and more. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. \$15. UrbanBeat Events Center, 1213 Turner St., Lansing. (989) 482-7910. urbanbeatevents.com.

JULY 1 >> FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Forget the food court, Meridian Mall is serving it up before you even walk through the doors! Meridian Township is celebrating its 17th anniversary with gourmet food trucks in the Meridian Mall parking lot. Breakfast, lunch or brunch, it truly does not matter, because the trucks will be available for a 12-hour window. The trucks are rolling in from all over the state and include multiple pun names like Frackin Hungry, Do Your Wurst Grill and Daddy's Little Grill. Try one or try them all, just be ready for 75 different treats if you choose the latter. In addition to the meals on wheels, this family friendly event lights up the night with fireworks and live music to match the pyrotechnics in your mouth. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. FREE. Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave. Okemos. (517) 853-4384, www.lansing.org/event/food-truck-rally/13650/.

JUNE 29 >> "TELL YO MAMMA" WITH RACHEL LYNN CURTIS

Jaycee Park is ready to move to the music and hopes you will join in, at least from your lawn chair. The Grand Ledge Music in the Park Coconcert Series is bringing you another Thursday night act to mark on the calendar. The band TELL Yo MAMMA is taking the stage with a soul funk fusion sound to give your ears a break from the regular sounds of summer. Make sure you tell your mother! Singer songwriter Rachel Lynn Curtis will also join in on the warm weather fun at the latest addition to the family friendly concert series. Maybe the video games and movies could use a break, so make sure to pack the picnic blankets and snacks for this evening of free musical entertainment! 7 p.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-2383, grandledgechamber.com.

JUNE 29 >> DIAMONDS IN THE RUST AT CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD

If soul funk fusion does not tickle your fancy, the Old Town General Store has a Midwest urban folk band to add some twang to your Thursday night. Concerts in the Courtyard is back with another installment. A portion of the ticket proceeds go towards supporting Music is the Foundation, which benefits music programs in the Mid-Michigan area. Listen to music as you help fund others to learn to create it. Diamonds in the Rust is a new collective of folk musicians Annie & Rod Capps, Jim Bizer, Jan Krist and Alan Finkbeiner. Each musician has their own notable accomplishments to brag about, but you will be the judge of that. Take a seat in the flower-lined courtyard and listen to them prove it. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Old Town General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-6847, oldtown-generalstore.com/concerts-in-the-courtyard.

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 11, 2017, 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 NAME	MUNICIPALITY	SECTION NUMBERS
A19-00 ANGEL ACRES DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	31
B07-00 BATTLE DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	3, 4
B27-00 BUSH DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	7
	CITY OF MASON	7, 8
B29-00 SOUTH BRANCH OF THE NORTH ONONDAGA DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	10, 11, 13-16, 22, 23
C22-00 COLLINS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	13, 24
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	18, 19
C37-00 CHAPIN DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	27, 28, 33, 34
D03-00 DARLING DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	26, 35
D06-00 DEER CREEK DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	36
	INGHAM TOWNSHIP	2-11, 15-22, 27-30
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	1, 12, 13, 24
	WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP	2, 3, 10-16, 21-29, 31-35
	WILLIAMSTON TOWNSHIP	2
	CITY OF WILLIAMSTON	35, 1, 2, 11, 12
	VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE	15, 22
E04-00 ECKHART DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	20, 28, 29, 32
F05-00 FORCE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28
H01-00 HAINES DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	12, 13, 24
	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	7, 17, 18, 19
H11-00 HAVENS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	24, 25
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	17-20, 29, 30
H12-00 HAWKINS DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	36
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	1, 2
H18-00 HAZELTON DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	5, 6, 7, 8
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	29, 30, 31, 32
H47-00 HARRIS DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	16, 17, 20, 21
	CITY OF LESLIE	21
H57-00 HEMANS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	34, 35
	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	2, 3, 10
K00-03 KEESLER AND WINNE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	14
K03-00 KENFIELD DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	10, 11
L20-00 LOUNSBURY DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	7, 8, 17, 18
M04-00 MARSHALL TILE DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	14, 15, 22, 23
M35-00 MINAR DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	22, 27, 28, 33, 34
O03-00 OCOBOCK DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	6
O08-00 OAKS DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	20, 22, 23, 26-29, 32-35
	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	3, 4, 5
P19-00 PUFFENBERGER DRAIN	ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP	7, 17-19, 30
Q00-01 QUARRY DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	25, 26, 35, 36
R04-00 REDMAN DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	34, 35
R22-00 ROYSTON COUNTY DRAIN	LESLIE TOWNSHIP	7-9, 16-18, 20, 28, 29, 33
	CITY OF LESLIE	20, 21, 28
S15-00 SLATER DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	13, 14, 23, 24
S34-00 SWARTOUT DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	33
S39-00 SWIFT DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	17-20
	CITY OF MASON	8, 17
T04-00 TOPLIFF DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	17-20
T16-00 TAYLOR & LAYCOCK DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	21, 22, 27, 28
T17-00 TOWN LINE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	34, 35
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	2, 3
W19-00 WILLETT DRAIN	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	21, 28
W22-05 WILLOW CREEK, MERRILL RD BRANCH DRAIN	AURELIUS TOWNSHIP	36
	VEVAY TOWNSHIP	31
W25-00 WISE DRAIN	ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP	1, 2, 11, 12

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

CP#17-187

The dos and don'ts of beer floats

By Megan Westers

When it comes to summer treats, chances are you're one of two types of people: the ice cream lover or the brew aficionado. If you're like me, you have a deep love and appreciation for both during all times of the year. But when summer hits, it's beer and ice cream all day, every day. Now, people are starting to mix the two, creating beer floats; a cool, creamy treat for nights by the lake (or on the couch).

So, the good news is out — beer floats are what everyone's drinking this summer. The bad news is that you actually can screw up a beer float if made with the wrong beer or paired with the wrong ice cream. Because beer floats are more difficult than the concept implies, here are some dos and don'ts to keep in mind when crafting your own.

Don't: Assume that beer is the most important part of the float. The ice cream is the base of the drink and plays a huge role in the float. Think about choosing flavors that you would find in the types of beers that you prefer. If you enjoy fruity beers, you might want to choose a fruity ice cream. If you prefer coffee or chocolate flavored beers, choose a coffee or chocolate ice cream.

Do: Start by choosing your ice cream. The ice cream flavor will determine which types of beers you can choose to pair it with. For example, if you want to stick with the more traditional vanilla ice cream, you can then pair it with a lot more beers than you can if you were to choose a chocolate-based ice cream or a fruity one.

Don't: Choose light or extremely bitter beers. Many beer drinkers enjoy light beers as well as really hoppy, bitter beers, but these two extremes don't typically work well for beer floats. In fact, they tend to fight against the flavors and textures that come with the ice cream. Many might come to the beer float concept with an "opposites attract" mentality, but this

is not the time or place. Bitter doesn't pair well with sweet, and neither does the watered-down taste of a light beer.

Do: Choose heavier beers like stouts. These beers tend to have a milder place on the bitterness scale, and come with lots of flavor. This, partnered with their creamier mouth feel, makes for a choice that pairs perfectly with ice cream.

Don't: Rule out other kinds of ice cream. Dairy-free versions as well as sherbets and sorbets are great choices too. Again, similar flavors pair well with each other, so if you have an orange sherbet, it might work well with an Oberon, or some other orange/citrus flavored beer. Likewise, a coconut milk-based ice cream like Coconut Bliss Sorbet might work well with NoDa Brewing Company's Coco Loco Porter.

Do: Get creative! The best way to figure out what you like when it comes to beer floats is to try a few combinations. Pick what you think might work well together and don't stop till you find the perfect pairing.

Here in Michigan we are spoiled with great beer, so the options are endless when it comes to crafting your float. These are a few recipes for some top concoctions, each made with Lansing Brews and the MSU Dairy Store's ice cream.

Tiramisu Beer Float

This espresso ice cream really brings out the tiramisu flavor in Ellison's desert-inspired stout.

2 scoops - MSU Dairy Store's Honor's Coffee Toffee

1 generous pour - Ellison Brewery's Tiramisu Stout

The Chocolate-lover's Beer Float

The enormous amount of chocolate coming from this decadent ice cream is balanced by LBC's smooth, chocolate/oatmeal brew.

2 scoops - MSU Dairy Store's Dantonio's Double Fudge Fake

1 generous pour - Lansing Brewing Company's Velvet Villain Ale

The Traditional Beer Float - Lansing Style

This Madagascar bourbon vanilla ice cream really brings out the sweetness in this porter.

2 scoops - MSU Dairy Store's Vanilla Bean ice cream

1 generous pour - Eaglemonk Pub and Brewery's Delta Porter



When driving west on East Saginaw Highway in Grand Ledge looking north, one might miss a south-of-the-border treat. Pancho's Taqueria is a large panel truck parked near the intersection of M-100 and M-43. After sampling their food, I now call the highway, "Mmmm-43."

Pancho's Taqueria is located in the parking lot of The Red Salamander Brewing Supplies (it also provides an inside spot for diners). On the east side of the pink truck is its name and a detailed mural. A menu of Mexican delights fills the other side. From the list of nine Mexican choices including burritos, tortas, and gorditas, I choose tostadas.

Pancho gave me two crispy corn tortillas loaded with lettuce, tomato, onion, avocado, cheese, refried beans, and sour cream. The beans were warm and the veggies and sour cream were cold. The lettuce was green and crispy, and the tomato was ripe and firm. The avocado came in thin, buttery slices. Everything tasted really fresh.

Even after learning the tortillas were not made on the truck, I wasn't disappointed when biting into the crunchy and flavorful one my tostada was served on. And like the white

cheese, the corn tortilla tasted authentic.

Spicy sauces were available with my meal, so I choose green and red varieties. Both were chunky and tasty. That's where the similarities ended. The green sauce was rather mild. After a healthy bite of the red sauce, my eyes widened, nose ran, and lips tingled. Next time I visit Pancho's, I'll go green.

— DAVID WINKELSTERN



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