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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

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1. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Michael Krueger, President of EL Crunch Inc., to amend the current special use permit at Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River, to include a Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license. This property is Zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Capital Area Housing Partnership for Bailey LDHA LP, for Site Plan approval for the property at 300 Bailey Street to renovate the existing school and an addition to provide 26 senior independent living apartments and supportive services. This property is zoned C, Community Facilities District.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Tin Can East Lansing, LLC, for Special Use Permit approval for the property at 313 East Grand River Avenue, and the north half portion of 317 East Grand River Avenue. The applicant is seeking to place a restaurant/bar serving alcohol under a Class C liquor license at the existing site. The property is zoned B-3, City Center Commercial District.

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

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- Matt Marsden of Michigan Cannabis Coalition
- Robert McCann of Cover Two Strategies
- City Council candidates Carol Wood, Harold Leeman, Adam Hussain and Ryan Earl

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by TOM TOMORROW

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# NEWS & OPINION

## Pot drives

### Diverse initiatives share same goal: Legalization

The race to legalize recreational marijuana in Michigan is on.

Two groups attempting to put the question before voters in 2016 share the same goal of ending pot prohibition, but their regulatory models and political experience contrast significantly upon closer review.

The Michigan Cannabis Coalition — whose leadership includes experienced conservative political operatives and some from the business community — is launching a proposal the group says will be more palatable to voters and that sets up a regulatory framework mirroring the alcohol and gaming industries.

The Michigan Comprehensive Cannabis Law Reform Committee, or MI Legalize, is led by longtime cannabis reform advocates and progressives who are pitching a more detailed plan that depends more on local than state government control.

Organizers of both groups need slightly more than 250,000 valid signatures within the next six months to put legalization questions before voters during next year's presidential general election.

A third group — the Michigan Responsibility Council, whose leadership also has close ties to Republican politics — is still exploring whether to launch its own ballot initiative.

If voters approve two or more proposals, then the one with more votes wins.

"We're seeking the end of prohibition on an agriculture product," said Matt Marsden, Michigan Cannabis Coalition spokesman and former press secretary for Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville. "When properly regulated and reasonably taxed, we have the opportunity to create a new industry in Michigan."

Marsden projects their model could generate between \$200 million and \$800 million in taxable revenue, depending on what the state sets the tax rate at, which would be directed to public safety, public health and education.

Jamie Lowell, a board member of MI Legalize, projects similar revenue numbers and adds that around \$300 million could be saved from not enforcing prohibition and another 25,000 jobs could be created.

### Differences, similarities

Aside from leadership, some key details differentiate the groups. MI Legalize's proposal would allow for people 21 or older to grow up to 12 plants at home, while MCC allows for

only two flowering plants (or four if a municipality allows it).

Generally, the MCC emphasizes growing cannabis at state-licensed commercial operations — rather than in homes — that would later be sold at retail outlets. Local units of government would be given the authority to decide whether to allow home-grows at all under the MCC plan.

"What we're trying to do is create a new retail market, a new industry," Marsden said. "Two flowering plants could generate a lot (of usable cannabis) per household. I don't know that it's politically feasible to win a ballot proposal if the little old lady next door is afraid she's going to have 12 flowering plants growing next door to her."

Unlike MI Legalize's petition language, the Cannabis Coalition intentionally leaves out some specifics — such as tax rates and protection from prosecution — that would later be set by a paid, five-member Cannabis Control Board.

"All the little nuances that the other group is fixated upon in their language makes the ballot proposal a little harder to stomach for voters at the general election," Marsden said. Lowell said MI Legalize wants to avoid the tiered system that regulates alcohol, as MCC is pursuing. Local units of government would decide rules about where facilities could locate and how many plants could be grown there instead of a state board, Lowell said.

"Those of us paying attention to this issue know the Legislature has not been reasonable or functional when it comes to cannabis," Lowell said. "Several lobbyists would be pulling in different directions to create an advanta-

geous policy for their clients."

The MI Legalize proposal sets a maximum 10 percent excise tax rate for non-medical pot sold. That revenue would be directed to education, transportation and local units of government.

But the groups appear aligned on certain provisions, such as holding the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act harmless and keeping medical cannabis tax-free. Both groups say they cherry-picked aspects from other states that have legalized recreational marijuana like Colorado, Washington and Oregon.

Both plans also would not allow for homegrown products to be sold, only traded among those over 21. Local units of government would also get to decide whether to allow manufacturing and retail facilities.

### Will the Legislature act?

Meanwhile, state Rep. Jeff Irwin, an Ann Arbor Democrat, is seeking support from colleagues before he plans to introduce a legalization bill this session that he says largely mirrors the MI Legalize plan.

	MI Legalize	Michigan Cannabis Coalition
Plants allowed in home	Up to 12	2-4 (if municipality allows)
Manufacturing	Allows for "cultivation facilities" if approved at the local level.	Commercial grow facilities would be permitted and regulated by a state Cannabis Control Board.
Retail	Allows for "marijuana establishments" if approved at local level.	"Marijuana facilities" would be regulated by a state control board.
Tax	Allows for up to a 10 percent excise tax for non-medical marijuana products. Revenue would be directed to education, roads and local government.	Would be set by the state Legislature. Revenue would be directed to public safety, education and public health.

Graphic by Nikki Nicolaou



Property: 1307 E. Grand River Ave. East Lansing

Author and celebrity chef Alton Brown often discusses the pointlessness of collecting kitchen utensils that are limited to one function. While he admits that a fire extinguisher is a notable exception, Brown's point is that tools suited to a single use are difficult to justify, particularly when a multi-use item will do the job at hand, along with several others, just as well.

So it is with single-use buildings such as this confectionery near the corner of Spartan and Grand River. The building itself is actually quite charming, but its specific design for a limited range of uses limits its continued existence.

About five years ago, this building was the site of a controversy when its landlord developed expansion plans that included, naturally enough, the operation of an ice cream shop. The new business within adopted a name and logo very similar to the brand of the original tenant, who was shifted out as a result of the development plan.

However, when the displaced tenant, a well-established neighborhood favorite called Tasty Twist, relocated a few blocks west, its loyal customers followed. Meanwhile, this single use building sits vacant, awaiting new development. Could this be a case of revenge literally being served cold?

— Daniel E. Bollman, AIA

"Eyesore of the Week" is our look at some of the seedier properties in Lansing. It rotates each week with Eye Candy of the Week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Berl Schwartz at (517) 999-5061.

# Slanted survey

## Union poll on BWL a scare tactic

At some point, when Lansing looks at the costs and benefits of selling the Board of Water & Light, it will need a survey assessing people's feelings.

But the poll released last week by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers isn't it. Rather, it was a political warning to the Bernero administration to back off, one of many union initiatives to derail even discussion of a sale. The questions prompted the desired response: overwhelming opposition to a sale. But what wasn't included — and should have been if the poll were to have any value — is telling.

Questions about a sale are larded with consequences: lost jobs, higher rates, loss of a community assets and BWL community activities. The sole benefits cited are the possibility of addressing Lansing's \$600 million long-term pension and health care obligations and funding for major, unstated infrastructure investments.

Incredibly, no question deals with how

much the city might get from a BWL sale. In the abstract, people in Lansing like the BWL. But the sale price matters. They might reject the idea of selling at \$100 million but embrace it at \$750 million, particularly if it included a tax cut. A more balanced survey would have sought some target numbers for perspective. It's a standard polling technique.

No questions were asked about people familiarity with the complex issue of a sale. Rather, the poll asked that "based on what you may know or have heard or read about the idea" do you favor or oppose considering a sale. Most were opposed. And where were they educated about the issue? About 40 percent of respondents got their information from television, said Bernie Porn, president of EPIC-MRA, whose firm worked with the PR firm Cover Two Strategies to produce the poll. To be charitable, in-depth coverage of issues like the sale of a utility or the consequence of long-term pension debt is not the strength of local TV news. And because people haven't really engaged much with the issue, the poll questions — slanted toward the union point of view — framed the responses against a sale.

Another question asking about a possible sale reels off BWL sponsorship benefits to the community: the Chili Cook Off, Adopt a River, Silver Bells and volunteer activities by employees. True enough. But utilities always support their communities.



**MICKEY HIRTEN**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Historic District Commission on **August 13, 2015** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

1. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from David Hodge and Kate Kithil for the property at 249 University Drive, to replace and install vinyl windows in both the front and side of the house.
2. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Delta Sigma Phi Alumni Corporation Board, for the property at 1218 East Grand River Avenue, to replace a total of 17 casement style windows with modern vinyl or comparable materials.
3. A public meeting will be held for the purpose of considering a request from Community Resource Management, for the property at 226 Beal Street, to fully remove and replace the front stair entrance (two landings).

Call (517) 319-6930, the Department of Planning, Building and Development, East Lansing City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, for additional information. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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Marie E. Wicks  
City Clerk

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Consumers Energy, for example, provides matching foundation grants to every 501(c)3 nonprofit where its employees volunteer. It provides grants to Prima Civitas, sponsors the Lansing Economic Club, the prairie grass restoration project at the Fenner Nature Center, the local Walk for Warmth to help with winter heating bills and other community activities. No mention of that.

Still another polling question asserts that the sale of the BWL would mean a significant increase in electric and water rates. This is conjecture, masquerading as fact. The rate-setting process for utilities is complex and often political. A question warns that Consumers Energy is seeking a 10 percent rate increase, suggesting that this what people might face after a sale. More scare tactics.

BWL needs a rate increase and could soon face as much as \$600 million in expense for a new power plant. The utility is patching a \$31 million revenue shortfall by taking \$25 million from its construction reserve fund, according to reporting by Steve Reed in the Lansing State Journal. Longer term, it must replace its obsolete downtown Eckert Power Plant, which still produces about three times as much power as the new REO Town facility, which cost \$182 million.

Who will pay for all of this? BWL's customers. The point is, the city-owned utility faces significant financial challenges, which translate into higher rates. (Note: It has raised electric rates by 52 percent since 2007.) And the current rate difference between the BWL and other utilities is only about 4 percent, said Board Chairman David Price. These are details that people who responded to the poll might want to consider.

A particularly glaring omission from the

survey is any questions about the management or competence of BWL's Board of Commissioners. Why? Politics.

The union has been courting board members who at its urging passed a resolution ordering BWL management to make the case for keeping it city-owned. This was an astounding breach of its fiduciary responsibility. Price, as reported by the LSJ, danced around the issue by referencing the commission's mandate to act in the "best interest of the utility." But isn't it possible that the "best interest" is to align with a larger company? How do you know unless you study the question objectively?

Pressed on the matter, Price acknowledged that telling management what conclusion to reach "may have been an overreach" and said he was willing to amend the resolution. Still, the board certainly seems to be in the union's pocket, a cozy relationship borne out by another question missing in the survey: the Board of Commissioners' leadership.

The survey asked people to rate the favorability and job performance of Mayor Virg Bernero and the City Council, but not the BWL board. With good reason. Unlike sketchy details about studying a potential sale, the very public blunders by the utility's commissioners are generally well known. The board was clueless leading up to the big ice storm; it commended former General Manager J. Peter's Lark's management of the utility in its last performance review; soon thereafter it fired him for cause, which it couldn't make it stick, then bailed on that strategy, ultimately authorizing a payment of \$650,000 to end the matter.

It doesn't inspire a lot of trust. Besides, bad polling numbers about its cronies on the board would only hurt the union's case for keeping the utility.

# Legalization

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While he's adding another path toward legalization, "I'm skeptical the environment in Lansing is ripe for passing this sort of bill despite the fact that people in Michigan are behind it," he said.

Irwin is also helping collect signatures for the MI Legalize campaign. So far, he said the details of the opposing plans don't come up much — about one in five people ask — when he asks voters whether they support legalization.

"Most folks know how they feel about the issue in general," Irwin said. "They don't want to read the bed sheet of the petition. If they are curious, they'll ask."

While the details may not matter much in the signature-gathering phase, it's uncertain whether the competing policies would sow confusion and hurt each other in November 2016 if they both make it on the ballot.

"I don't see it that way, but I could see

how it might come to pass if both end up on the ballot together that there may be some drag on the yes side due to confusion or competition," Irwin said.

According to Lowell and Marsden, the two sides have met on multiple occasions but failed to reach an agreement on combining the efforts.

"My job is to get something passed. I'm a political guy, not a marijuana guy," Marsden said. "I need to draft language I think it can get passed in 2016. The things they want I don't think are palatable to voters. If they win, I'm sure we'll throw our support behind them. If we win, I hope they'll support us too."

Either way, Lowell says the competing means would reach the same end.

"The good news is we're not talking about if we're going to legalize," he said. "We're talking about how it's going to be done and who's going to make the money."

— Andy Balaskovitz



# Comeback trail?

## Leeman sees hope in 8th run in 8 years

To clear up any confusion, Harold Leeman Jr. jotted down on a folded-up piece of blue paper all the times he's appeared on a ballot since his maiden defeat to Patrick Lindemann in a 1987 First Ward race.

When it comes to experience on a local ballot, nobody has more of it in the last eight years than Leeman, whose latest bid for one of two Lansing City Council seats is his eighth since 15 votes ended his 12-year run on the City Council in 2007.

The way the 58-year-old retired east-sider looks at it, when Vincent Delgado opted not to run for the seat he was appointed to earlier this year, Leeman saw an opportunity.

Leeman was one of the 29 applicants looking to fill out Derrick Quinney's Council term when Quinney became the county's register of deeds. None of the other 28 filed to run for the at-large seat. Leeman has experience on the Council, so ...

"Why not?" Leeman asked.

Leeman's trip on the comeback trail requires him to get one of four nominations in the Aug. 4 primary election for the two at-large seats that will be on the General Election ballot in November. His opponents are incumbent Carol Wood and challengers Emily Dievendorf, Mary Ann Prince and Patricia Spitzley.

Admittedly, the defeats bother him. Yet, a man whose political career took off in 1995 when he beat now-Lansing Clerk Chris Swope in the First Ward is not deterred.

He wheeled his '76 Toronado through Lansing's Fourth of July parade. He's not expecting endorsements from organized labor or the business community or Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero or the Fourth Ward Progressives or any other group that readily comes to mind.

Leeman isn't known as a prolific fundraiser or the city's most aggressive door knocker. (Asked if we could get a photo of him door-knocking over the weekend, Leeman, said, "No. Too hot. No one will come to the door.") He'll pop a few yard signs around the city. Otherwise, he is counting on his name ID to carry some weight.

However, name ID hasn't been Leeman's friend in his last seven races. Last year, he finished third behind stay-at-home dad and "starving artist" Larry Hutchinson in the Democratic state Senate primary.

Several political observers interviewed

this week see Leeman edging out Prince, a City Council "regular," to advance through the primary. But they don't see much success for him in the General.

One source put it this way, "Harold never raises money, doesn't work doors or have a structure. I like him a lot, but I doubt he gets any traction. Even if it gets ugly and there's a window, he most likely won't have the money to take advantage of it."

Leeman raised \$3,129 for his 2013 mayoral run, which he admitted to doing just in case something happened to incumbent Mayor Virg Bernero. He didn't want to see the city put in a position of choosing among a trio of political novices.

He raised less than a \$1,000 for last year's run and his 2012 run for the open state representative seat, where he finished sixth in a seven-candidate Democratic Party primary field.

For that race, Leeman said he realized the eventual successor to term-limited Rep. Joan Bauer, Andy Schor, was a "good guy," but the way he saw it, "I'm a good guy, too."

Will this time be different? Leeman may have better name ID now, but that's expected to change by November, with the Bernero-backed Spitzley, who works to redevelop old General Motors properties for "Racer Trust," and Dievendorf, the darling of the



Leeman

progressives who was with Equality Michigan, expected to run aggressive campaigns. "I have a record of moving the city forward," Leeman said.

"It'd be nice if some of the support groups come around ... but what I'm telling people is if I'm not your first choice, I'm hoping to be your second choice. I just have to get my name out there."

Sadly, things are a little different for Leeman this go around. His elder father, Harold Leeman Sr., the recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his action in World War II, died last November. Leeman Jr. had taken care of his father for years and is now taking care of the estate.

Asked if he was going to do anything different this campaign than last, Leeman said, "I have to." That could include mailers, although he said an issue with the post office in 2007 prevented a large mailing from going out before the election. He still wonders if that could have made the difference in that 15-vote loss to Eric Hewitt.

History shows, however, Leeman's political history hasn't been the same since. An Ingham County Commission loss to Brian McGrain during the 2008 Democratic primary. Incumbent City Council members Kathie Dunbar and Brian Jeffries beat out Leeman and Rina Risper in 2009.

He took 2010 off, but ran in 2011 for his First Ward seat. He didn't make it out of the primary, so he tried state representative in 2012. He made it out of the primary in 2013 with 17 percent of the vote (Bernero had 66 percent) and lost 71-28 percent in the General.

Then there was last year, a declared protest run against now-state Sen. Curtis Hertel, even though he considers himself a friend, because he thought Bauer, with whom Leeman served on the Council, deserved the nomination. (Bauer dropped out after Hertel announced his candidacy.) He's looking past

that effort.

"I've had success," Leeman said. "We'll see what happens."

— Kyle Melinn



### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF APPORTIONMENT

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In accordance with Chapter 8, Section 280.196 of The Drain Code of 1956, as amended, a Special Assessment will be ordered to cover the cost of maintenance for the following Drainage Districts:

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GARDENS DRAIN	G09-00
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HANCOCK DRAIN	H04-00
HARMON DRAIN	H06-00
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These Drains are located in the following: Townships of Aurelius, Bunkerhill, Delhi, Leslie, Onondaga, Stockbridge, Vevay, and Williamstown. A Public Hearing of Apportionment will be held at the office of the Ingham County Drain Commissioner, 707 Buhl Avenue, in the City of Mason, Michigan, 48854, on **Thursday, August 6, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

July 17, 2015

Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

# Stay loose on BWL

## The sale question is premature

The war over whether to sell the Lansing Board of Water & Light has already claimed its first victim.

Commissioner Anthony McCloud's reappointment stalled before the City Council

and ultimately was withdrawn in frustration by Mayor Virg Bernero. The administration says McCloud can continue on the board without approval; Councilwoman Carol Wood says otherwise, contending Bernero has 60 days to nominate a replacement. Look for a battle in September.

McCloud's reappointment went awry when Councilwoman Jody Washington asked him if he favored selling the BWL.

"I don't know if that's a fair question for me ...," McCloud responded.

"It is, it is," Washington interrupted.

"... at this point," McCloud continued. "I think I would need a lot more information in order to make that decision. I think there needs to be a thorough weighing-in on the pros and cons of that and what that looks like for the citizens of Lansing. So, with all due respect, I think I'm going to hold comment on that."

Now, contrast that to the answer given to the same question — this time coming from Wood — by Ken Ross, a new Bernero nominee for another seat on the BWL board.

"I think that the Board of Water & Light is an incredible resource and an asset to the city and ideally there would be no need to sell it."

Ross' answer was more politic, but if anything less direct. Yet his nomination sailed through.

But the real problem isn't either man's answer or non-answer. The problem is the question.

First, so what if neither has an opinion yet — or for that matter ever has one. Neither McCloud nor Ross nor any other BWL commissioner has anything to say about

selling the BWL, if it should come to that. If and when the Council puts the question on the ballot, then the voters will decide, not the board.

But more important, the question isn't relevant yet. First, we need an in-depth study, which is all the mayor has called for, and for good reason. Once adamantly opposed to the sale, Bernero has come around. He's done so at some political risk, assuming he wants to serve a fourth term. But he has realized that it would be better to conduct an in-depth study now than to try to get answers while a bankruptcy judge is holding a gun to the city's head.

The only thing that Washington and Wood's question is really good for at this point is what it tells us about Washington and Wood. And unfortunately it tells us that these two Councilwomen are not going to give the study a fair shake. Maybe it's a deep-held belief, or maybe they're being influenced by the IBEW, which has launched a campaign against selling the utility.

That's too bad, especially in the case of Wood, who as a popular at-large Councilwoman could help elevate this difficult debate by encouraging people to keep an open mind.

Just as Bernero, who has no shortage of stubbornness, came around, so could Wood. That would be a good thing for the city and for her. It would elevate the debate. And it would register with the many voters who find her excessively negative.



**BERL SCHWARTZ**

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### CITY OF EAST LANSING NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

##### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 30, 2015 the City of East Lansing will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects:

**Capital Area Housing Partnership, Inc., \$25,000** for the purpose of repairs costing no more than \$5,000 per house to correct code violations to homes purchased through the Down Payment assistance program or purchased for resale to an income-qualified household. Common repairs include plumbing and electrical code corrections. The target area for this activity is the Central, Red Cedar, Bailey and Southeast Marble neighborhoods. Capital Area Housing Partnership also provides Down Payment assistance to income-qualified households, but this activity is categorically excluded from NEPA review and does not require a request for release of funds. An estimated two households will be assisted in program year 2015, in the form of a partially-forgivable deferred loan. The organization will be allowed to utilize carryover funds. This activity is subject to 24 CFR 58.25.

**Housing Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, \$29,525** for the purpose of assisting low-moderate income home owners residing in the City of East Lansing with code violation corrections, weatherization and lead-based paint interim controls or abatement. The total program cost will be \$29,525 with repairs of up to \$24,999 per household. The organization will be allowed to utilize carryover funds. An estimated three households will be assisted in program year 2015, in the form of a partially-forgivable deferred loan. This activity is subject to 24 CFR 58.25.

**CDBG Neighborhood Sidewalk Repairs & Improvement, \$40,000** for the purpose of reconstructing portions of existing sidewalk deemed hazardous and the installation of ADA ramps at critical intersections (along school walks, major street intersections) within the Bailey Neighborhood. This activity is subject to 24 CFR 58.25.

**Red Cedar Neighborhood Improvement Project, \$50,000** for the purpose of installing yard drains, storm sewers, manholes, and other appurtenances to collect surface drainage and sump pump leads within the southwest portion of the Red Cedar Neighborhood. The proposed drainage system would serve the north side of Daisy Lane from 1228 Daisy Lane west to Hicks Drive; drainage at the northeast corner of the intersection of Daisy Lane and Hicks Drive and drainage on the east side of Hicks Drive to Lilac Street. The proposed scope of work includes disturbance of approximately 0.18 acres of existing public right-of-ways located within a floodplain. No wetlands exist within the areas affected by this project. This activity is subject to the 8 step review process per 24CFR Part 55.

##### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of East Lansing Planning, Building, and Development Department, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. All comments received by July 29, 2015 will be considered by the City of East Lansing prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

##### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of East Lansing certifies to HUD that George Lahanas in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of East Lansing to use Program funds.

##### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of East Lansing's certification received by August 15, 2015 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of East Lansing approved by HUD; (b) the City of East Lansing has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality (e) the City of East Lansing has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58 or 24 CFR Part 55) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Detroit Area Office, Region V, 477 Michigan Avenue Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

George Lahanas, City Manager  
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# Leverage and Recreation

*How the Lansing parks millage stretches green into more green*

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

In the early 1800s, vast flocks of now-extinct passenger pigeons took days to go by.

Once upon a time (meaning the 1960s and '70s), the full-time Lansing parks staff topped 100, including three landscape engineers, according to former Lansing City Councilman Jim Blair.

"It took a half hour for everyone to punch out in the afternoon," Blair said.

Now the parks take up about 7 percent of the city's total budget, compared to 20 percent in the late 1970s.

But Lansing's parks are far from extinct.

"Give me a place to stand and a lever and I can move the Earth," Archimedes said (so they say).

By itself, Lansing's parks millage, up for its regular five-year renewal Aug. 4, is not an earth mover. The one-mill levy is expected to pull in about \$3 million a year and costs a homeowner with a house valued at \$50,000 about \$25 a year. For the current fiscal year, which began July 1, the parks budget is about \$10.9 million overall, of which \$7.9 million comes from the General Fund and the rest from the millage.

But the millage is a strong lever.

Lansing's park system still offers its citizens a grand diversity of moments, from a sunset at the refurbished, rose-covered pavilion of Frances Park overlooking the Grand River to the smack of skin on a basketball court at downtown Ferris Park.

A lean crew of about 20 year-round staffers manages a sprawling system of 114 parks, three cemeteries, two swimming pools, one golf course, 16 miles of River Trail and four community centers. That number swells to about 100 staffers in the summer, including part-time jobs such as lifeguards and summer camp guides. Fewer than 20 employees in the Public Service Department handle parks maintenance year-round. Part-time reinforcements are added in summer.

The system plants city people in green places throughout life and beyond, from programs that introduce pre-schoolers to nature and sports to the guy who sells the graves at the cemeteries.

"We have a huge park system," Parks Board member and City Council candidate Adam Hussain said. "With city revenues declining over the last several years, the money we've had to actually spend on our parks has decreased substantially. The power is not only the money the millage generates, but the leverage it gives us to do exciting things."

The key is a growing web of nonprofits and ad hoc Friends organizations, along with the city's use of parks millage money to leverage outside grants.

## Hard leverage

After more than 100 years of land donations and purchases used to create parks and trails, Lansing has greened into a city that is a forest. National Recreation and Park As-

sociation's park and open space guidelines say communities should have about six to 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 people. Lansing has about 18 acres per 1,000 people.

As late as 2006, the Parks Department had 96 employees. When property values took a sharp dive after the 2008 recession, so did parks revenue.

By 2011, the staff was down to 17, owing to cutbacks, attrition, the transfer of 18 employees to Ingham County (when the county took over the Potter Park Zoo) and 31 to the Public Service Dept.

The parks millage, first approved by voters 25 years ago and renewed every five years, has helped to offset these hits, but the millage itself desiccated when property values dried up after the 2008 recession.

"We got beat up, like everybody else," Parks Board Chair-



Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Kids ride the X-Wave in at the a playground added in 2013 to north Lansing's Turner Park. The parks millage, if passed, will be used to repair or replace 20 playgrounds in Lansing.

man Rick Kibbey said. "We tried to hold on and continue the services people expect and enjoy."

Two force multipliers — one hard, the other soft — stretch the parks millage over a lot of acreage.

If a project fits in with the parks' master plan, millage funds can attract matching grants from the state and federal government to complete big projects. Last year's restoration of Lansing biggest park, 200-acre Crego Park, after being closed for 20 years because of environmental contamination, is the city's most spectacular showcase for hard leverage yet.

"This is one of the things we really like to do with the mill-

age," Brett Kaschinske, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, said. So far, Lansing parks millage money has leveraged \$4 million in additional funding, mostly from Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grants. In Crego's case, a \$250,000 commitment by the city was used to snag half a million dollars from the DNR. Crego's 15-acre Fidelity Lake was equipped with an accessible canoe/kayak boat launch, a fishing dock over the deepest part of the lake. The park was hooked up to the River Trail and the lake was stocked for fishing.

Another leveraging coup for the 2010-2015 millage was the 2012 Saginaw Street Bridge and replacement of the rickety underpass at the heart of the River Trail, prone to flooding and freezing. Some \$60,000 from the city for the trail upgrades dovetailed with a head-friendly design of the \$6 million Saginaw Street Bridge.

Last fall, the crown jewel of the city's park system, the River Trail, got a potent new force multiplier. Ingham County voters approved a trails millage that is expected to generate \$3.5 million for maintenance and new trails.

Last month, Ingham County hired a consultant to work on a plan for the trails millage and expects to have the plan in place by early 2016.

Kaschinske said about \$960,000 of the projected \$3.5 million generated by the county trails millage will come from Lansing, so he expects a substantial part of the money to come back.

Kaschinske has sent the county a laundry list of items, from new pavement in older stretches to bridge replacements and erosion control measures.

"Can we expand?" Kaschinske said. "Yes, but only after maintenance issues are taken care of."

Any trail fixes the county millage takes care of will lift a little bit more pressure off the Lansing parks budget.

## The power of friends

Force Multiplier Two is softer, but more far-reaching and laden with unexploited potential. A growing number of Friends organizations, from informal groups of gardeners to organized nonprofits such as the Fenner Conservancy, stewards of the Fenner Nature Center, are taking over the jobs the Parks Department handled in its passenger pigeon years.

Fenner is the park systems' showcase of public/nonprofit collaboration. Beginning in the late 1950s, Lansing owned and operated the Fenner Arboretum. A Friends of Fenner

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group, begun in 1983, helped with tasks such as planting native grasses and pulling invasive plants.

When the Parks Department suffered big cutbacks in the wake of the 2008 economic downturn, the city was ready to make it a "passive use park," with no educational programs for visitors, churches and school groups.

The Friends contracted with the city to operate the park, delivering all programming and assuming the cost of trail maintenance. (The city pays for maintenance of the park's main building and the parking lot.) This year, the Conservancy went from two to three full-time paid staffers. Money comes from grants, dues from about 250 members and program fees.

The Norris Ingells Nature Education for Youth scholarship fund, funded by donors, issued \$13,000 in scholarships to students for public school transport and residents.

Every child that applied for camp last year received assistance.

About 600 kids came to camp last year.

"We ended up dividing the responsibilities," the Parks Board's Kibbey said. "That worked very, very well and served as a model for other facilities."

The millage is the watering can that makes it all possible, according to Fenner Nature Center Director Liz Roxberry.

"There are huge ramifications to the millage for us," Roxberry said. "We handle the programs, but the millage is what allows us to keep our maintenance going, our parking lots cleared, our buildings in good repair so that they're usable and we can deliver these programs."

About 65,000 visitors came to Fenner last year, including three seasonal festivals. About 12,000 students take advantage of free or low-cost programs.

"It's a ten times impact over what the Conservancy could do on its own or what the city could do with the millage money," Roxberry said.

## Eyes and ears

Friends groups come in various sizes. Scott Sunken Garden, an Italian-style grotto garden and popular wedding spot at the corner of Washington and Main streets, has a devoted team of about a half-dozen "regulars," led by 83-year-old Buelah Voorheis. All are members of the Garden Club of Greater Lansing.

Voorheis has taken care of the garden for 25 years. Several years ago, she got a grant,

matched by the Garden Club, for an underground watering system.

"She is the most loyal of all of us," 82-year-old volunteer (and lawn mower jockey) Reba Torongo said.

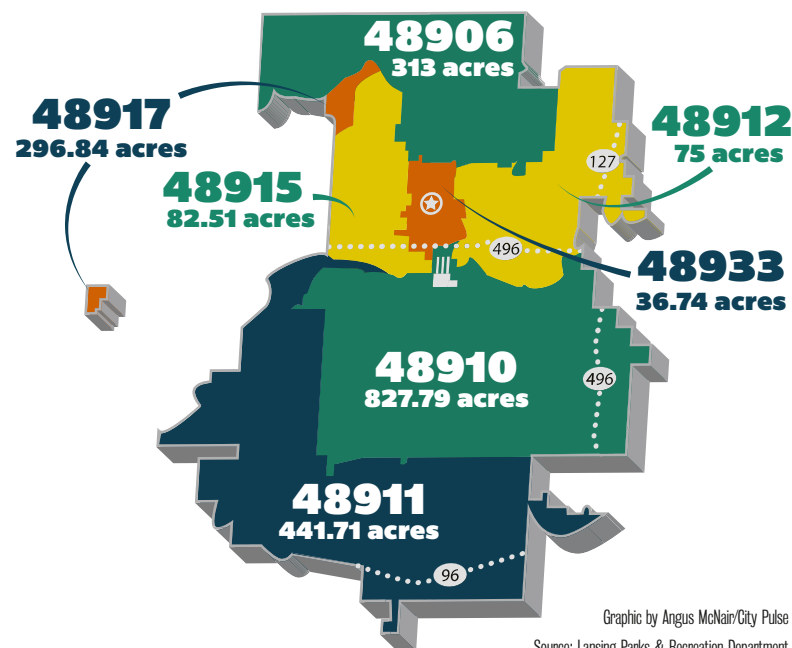
"It's like her very own garden," Torongo said. "If something is out of place, she takes care of it."

The Garden Club volunteers keep the sunken gardens in trim, while the parks millage keeps the surrounding park and nearby Cooley Gardens cleared and mowed. Larger jobs like fallen branches are beyond their powers.

"They keep the grounds up and we really appreciate that," Torongo said.

The feeling is mutual. Without Friends groups, Kaschinske said, the parks would not be as vibrant as they are, or even viable.

## Parks in Lansing by ZIP code



Graphic by Angus McNair/City Pulse  
Source: Lansing Parks & Recreation Department

"Friends groups are volunteers, advocates, fund-raisers, and eyes and ears," Kaschinske said. "You've got to have that buy-in."

Two years ago, a band of downtown residents took a chainsaw to overgrown Reutter Park, the city's oldest park, famous for its multi-colored fountain and drug dealing shadiness in the 1970s. Now it's a favorite spot for lunching state workers and patrons of the man library across Capitol Avenue.

"The Parks Department stood in its head to listen to us, give us advice, buy us flowers," Downtown Neighborhood Association stalwart Gretchen Cochran said.

The Friends of Turner-Dodge take care of a historic 1855 mansion on the north side of town. The stately mansion and arbor are a favorite spot for weddings, art shows, concerts and other events. The 3-year-old Friends of Ferris Park group have instigated a flurry of events in the past two years, including park cleanup days, concerts, a picnic bash called Hot Dogs in the Park and a farmer's market funded by the nearby Northwest Initiative.

The Friends of Historic Cemeteries keep

the city's graveyards trim and alarmingly lively, with events like the Dia de los Muertos tour of gravesides and walking tours. Last Sunday, flivvers from the Central Michigan Model T Club chugged the shady lanes of Mt. Hope Cemetery as part of a tour of the "high rent district" where the city leaders like Ransom Olds are interred. In October, the Friends of Historic Cemeteries holds a "Race to Restore" to raise money to fix crumbling monuments.

Other parks with special attributes need a bit more love than they're getting. Cooley Gardens, a surprising pocket of trees, shrubs, flowers, perennials and annuals tucked in next to General Motors Grand River Assembly plant downtown, has struggled to keep going since its longtime master gardener, Eric Stinson, retired and wasn't replaced.

Kibbey said the Friends of Cooley Gardens is "very thin" right now and "needs a much more robust Friends organization."

Among the park system's unique gems is the oval, stone-ringed 1922 Moores Park swimming pool, the oldest public pool of its kind in the nation, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Lansing's two pools, Moores Park and Hunter Park, topped 20,000 visitors last year, but Kaschinske estimates that about \$750,000 worth of repair is needed at the Moores Park pool. (The water intake and outgo pipes are patched-up 1922 originals.) Restrooms need modifying for the disabled, the concrete is cracking, perimeter lights need fixing, and so on.

It's an ideal scenario for another public/private teamup. A crowdsourcing and/or Friends group may have to bear the brunt of the costs at the Moores Park pool.

Fenner's Liz Roxberry said the municipal/non-profit partnership is the "direction a lot of public parks systems are going."

"There's a tremendous potential here with the Lansing parks department to see more of that," she said.

## After the storm

Now that property values are inching back up, Kibbey compares the parks landscape in Lansing to a backyard after a storm.

"We need to go out in the yard, pick up the wreckage from the storm and take care of things we've had to put off," Kibbey said.

In the past five years, the most conspicuous capital improvements in the park system were return of Crego Park, an upgrade of Maguire Park befitting its new role as River Trail gateway, and a makeover for the

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pavilion and gardens at Lansing's "premier park," Frances Park.

Several capital improvements top the parks' master plan for the 2015-2020 millage. First on the list are about 20 playgrounds, built in 1990 as part of the city's Project Play, that need to be repaired or replaced.

As boat traffic increases on the Grand River, the Grand River Boat Park Launch will get an upgrade. A splash pad for kids, possibly at Moores Park, is also on the list.



Courtesy Historical Society of Greater Lansing

After a century of growth, the trees make an even better backstop for your baby carriage in Moores Park, shown here in 1912, three years after businessman and timber baron James Henry Moores donated 18 acres of land along the Grand River to the city of Lansing.

If a proposed launch at Tecumseh Park is completed, kayakers and canoeists will finally get a place to launch on the Grand River, upstream from the dam in Old Town.

The parking lot at Maguire Park, the new hub of the expanded River Trail, is often full and due for an expansion.

The biggest item on the list is the planned Beacon Soccer Field at Ferris Park, a free, open soccer field modeled after the mini urban soccer fields in South Africa, to be built at the park's southeast corner. More than 5,000 Lansing area kids are involved in soccer, and the city has a large refugee population from countries where soccer is a dominant sport.

The park promises to be one of the more dramatic examples of leveraging yet. Lansing is seeding the project with \$80,000 in parks money. A successful crowdsourcing campaign raised more than \$60,000 and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. matched that, for a grand total of \$200,000.

The field will feature a synthetic playing surface, a perimeter kick board, goal posts, netting and solar-powered light fixtures.

Other parks improvements slated for 2015-2020 are "mundane," Kaschinske said,

but necessary. The city's four community centers, last renovated in 1997, need new carpet and other fix-ups. Kaschinske also wants to fence off Davis Park, home to youth baseball, to keep the ball in play, and make other improvements there.

In the meantime, the city is looking for ways to cut costs. Parks are where the city and the natural world overlap, and not always comfortably.

A 2013 plan to "naturalize" 12 city parks totaling about 300 acres got a mixed reception among residents and city officials. "Naturalize" means many things, according to Kibbey, but for many residents, it meant "stop mowing." Naturalization saves about \$3,000 an acre per year.

Kaschinske said naturalizing hasn't been expanded "in a number of years." He cited Washington Park and Ingham Park as successful examples.

The discussion will probably heat up soon. The master plan for 2005-2010 called for the park system to "identify potential natural areas in parks by creating no mow zones in areas that are currently not used for active recreation."

But there is more to "naturalization" than "no-mow." Tree and shrub plantings and wetland development are part of the mix. Kibbey said the parks system serves "all sorts of natural functions we don't think much about," including providing drainage and wildlife habitat. He said that many factors, including safety, fire protection and preserving scenic views all go into the "naturalization" analysis.

## Covenant

The next step in the parks' growth is linked to a new umbrella organization, Friends of Lansing Parks, which was registered as a nonprofit this month.

The group is little more than a seed packet in Kaschinske's overalls right now, but he hopes it will grow into a coordinated effort and a new force multiplier when it comes to writing grants for new projects. An umbrella Friends group could also share overhead costs and save on insurance carried by individual Friends groups when they schedule events in their respective parks.

Kaschinske was inspired, in part, by the way the Friends of the River Trail took off in a big way last year. The surge in membership and interest in the River Trail has already paid dividends, most notably an informational map display at Maguire park, funded by the Friends.

With a little help from its friends, Kibbey said, the parks system can flourish well into the mid-21st century.

"This is a covenant with the city of Lansing," Kibbey said. "People are digging into their pockets and they deserve a top-notch system."



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# ARTS & CULTURE

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By TY FORQUER

Telling the story of American piano music, from early styles like rhythm & blues and stride through jazz and rock 'n' roll, is an ambitious undertaking. One could easily fill a textbook tracing the history of these musicians. Bob Baldori, however, is attempting to tell that story in one evening of music.

Baldori, better known as "Boogie" Bob, has carved out a career for himself in early rock 'n' roll. He was a founding member of the Woolies, an East Lansing band that scored a national hit in 1966 with its cover of Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love?" About the same time, the band booked a gig backing Chuck Berry for a run of gigs at the Dells in Haslett.

The collaboration led to a decades-long relationship between Berry and Baldori, with Baldori frequently touring with the rock 'n' roll legend and recording two albums with him on piano and harmonica.

Baldori's list of musical collaborators reads like a who's who of rock 'n' roll and blues royalty — he has performed or recorded with Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker and Bo Diddley, just to name a few — and at 71, Baldori shows no signs of slowing down. The Okemos-based musician is preparing for a run of New York shows for his pet proj-

## OFF-BROADWAY BOOGIE

BOOGIE BOB PREPARES FOR A RUN OF SHOWS IN NEW YORK

ect, a piano duo show called "Boogie Stomp."

"It's pretty exciting, to say the least," said Baldori. "We did a showcase run last year at a much smaller theater, and we generated enough interest from New York producers to put together this deal where we're opening almost in Times Square."

"Boogie Stomp" is a send-up to the great piano players of rock 'n' roll and its antecedent genres — stride, boogie woogie and rhythm & blues. But Baldori was quick to point out that the show is not a musical review of the genre's greatest hits.

"We're telling the story of the origins of contemporary music, and we're part of a narrative," said Baldori. "What we're playing is what these guys would be playing if they were playing right now. We do acknowledge the roots and play some of the original canon, but one of the points we're making is that the way we're playing it and what we're doing is just as alive and relevant now as it was way back when."

The upcoming New York run of show starts in September and comprises 19 performances over the course of eight weeks at the Elektra Theatre. The theater is in what is now known as Theatre Row, a section of Manhattan just blocks away from Times Square. In the

1970s, the area was infamous for brothels and peepshow houses, but has since been reinvented as a bustling center of off-Broadway theater. Baldori is joined on this run of New York shows by Washington state-based pianist Arthur Migliazza.

"(Arthur is) a delight," said Baldori. "He's fun to work with, has great sense of humor and technically he's off the charts. You'll never see anyone better."

Baldori began performing piano duo shows with Bob Seeley, a Detroit-based musician who played with Art Tatum and was a protégé of legendary pianist/composer Meade Lux Lewis. Baldori and Seeley took their duo show all over the world, including a tour of Russia in 2013.

"We sold out Tchaikovsky (Concert Hall in Moscow)," Baldori said. "We sold out five venues, all the way to Vladivostok. It was an overwhelming response. We even did a number with the Moiseyev Ballet."

Through his tours with Seeley, Baldori met some of the world's top rock 'n' roll piano players, including Migliazza.

"I met Arthur on that same type of festival tour," Baldori said. "Arthur was the best young, up-and-coming player, and he and I fell into doing shows together. We had great chemistry, and I loved working with him."

For Baldori, "Boogie Stomp" is more than just a stage show. It's a multi-pronged project that celebrates the history of rock 'n' roll piano. He recorded an album of the same name with Seeley, and he is finishing up an album with Migliazza that he hopes to have ready for their New York opening. He has also produced a documentary, also named "Boogie Stomp," that centers around Seeley and his contributions to the genre.

"The great body of this American piano

music was created by anonymous geniuses, whose stories we will probably never know," Baldori explained. "But then there are others, like Seeley. 'Boogie Stomp' was my first attempt to examine a master who is well known within the circle of people who know the genre but anonymous to the rest of the world."

Baldori is also planning a follow up to the "Boogie Stomp" documentary. While he hasn't finalized the subject of the next documentary, one musician stands out in his mind.

"Hubert Sumlin is revered as one of the greatest guitar players of all time," Baldori said. "He played with Howlin' Wolf for 20 years, and he played with Muddy Waters. He sort of invented the electric guitar, along with a handful of other people like Les Paul. But everyone who plays electric guitar and knows what they're doing acknowledges Hubert. I worked with him for a while and did some shooting. Unfortunately, he passed away a couple years ago."

A Greater Lansing native, Baldori is happy to call mid-Michigan home. While the hubs of the music industry are on the coasts, Baldori can't imagine living anywhere else.

"I love it here, especially this time of year," Baldori said. "It's easy access for me. I'm in New York a lot, I'm in Toronto a lot, I'm in California occasionally and I'm in Chicago a lot. The location is actually central and terrific; I like to come back to it. It's a pastoral, tranquil lifestyle. I'm a gardener. I went out and picked half a dozen zucchini this morning. You can't do that in New York City."



Courtesy Photo

"Boogie" Bob Baldori (left) is preparing for a run of New York shows with duo partner Arthur Migliazza.

# LISTENING ROOM

## Reboot Vandalay reinvents itself with new EP

By TY FORQUER

“Starting Over,” the latest EP from Lansing-based rock band Vandalay, is more than a collection of songs. It’s a portrait of a band at a crossroads. The EP’s title track is, on its surface, about a relationship. But it has also become a metaphor for a new chapter in the band’s life.

“And this is me, consciously, starting over,” sings guitarist Ben Warner, and herein lies the biggest change for the band. Since its inception in 2012, the band has featured a core trio — Warner, Jake Greenwood (drums, keyboards and vocals) and Dustin Stoner (bass) — fronted originally by singer Drew Machak, who was later replaced by Dave Hedrick. With the departure of Hedrick earlier this year, the trio decided not to look for a replacement and looked inward for a solution.

Greenwood and Warner share lead vocal duties on the six-song release, with Stoner providing back-up vocals. While Vandalay is only a few years old, the three musicians have been playing together in various groups for nearly a decade, and all three were members of defunct local group Cadillac Casket.

The musicians’ familiarity with each other is evident on the record. The grooves are solid, rhythmic breaks are tight and transitions feel natural and unforced.

The band comes out swinging on the EP’s opening track, “Expectations.” A driving electric guitar riff propels the verses of the tune, which open into expansive choruses. The tune mellows into a quieter bridge before ramping up into a powerful outro.

The fourth track, “Roots,” is the closest the band gets to a ballad on this EP. The piano-centered tune features Greenwood on vocals, and he turns in the finest vocal performance of the album.

“Like lightning striking deep into my soul, excite me, revive me, electrify me,” sings Greenwood as the song builds to its climactic ending.

What really pushes the track over the top is the guest appearance by local singer/songwriter Abbey Hoffman, who turns in a stunning guest vocalist performance on the track. (While Vandalay has

just doubled down on its trio approach, a part of me would love to hear what a Hoffman-fronted version of Vandalay would produce.)

The EP’s closing track, “Beneath It All,” ends in a simmering cloud of guitar feedback and synthesizer noise that cuts off abruptly into silence. This unresolved ending is the perfect ending for “Starting Over,” it practically screams, “To be continued ...”

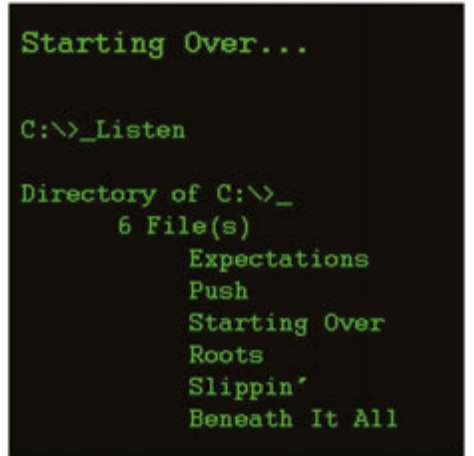
At times, “Starting Over” seems to draw stylistically from early aughts hard rock bands. The title track’s guitar work

is reminiscent of Linkin Park, while the bridge on “Expectations” evokes the less aggressive side of Staind’s catalog.

While Vandalay’s lyrics can be introspective, the EP is never as gloomy or angst-ridden as the music of those two groups. Vandalay balances this angsty rock influence with a spirited dose of classic rock. The band has some fun on “Slippin’,” a bluesy number complete with gang vocals and energetic guitar riffs.


“Starting Over” was recorded at REO Town’s Elm Street Recording by engineer Ryan Wert and producer Scott Owens. The EP is clean without sounding sterile, and everything is well mixed. Vocal effects are used sparingly but effectively.

Lyricaly, the song “Starting Over” deals with the cyclical nature of a toxic relationship, always falling apart and then trying to start over. For Vandalay’s sake, let’s hope that is where the metaphor ends and that its reboot will push it



“Starting Over”  
Vandalay  
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to greater creative heights. If this EP is any indication, the trio is heading in the right direction.



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# OLD TOWN GETS SCRAPPY

Photos by HELEN MURPHY

Lansing-area artists put an adage to the test this weekend, hoping to show that one person's trash could truly be another one's treasure.

Cesar Chavez Plaza in Old Town played host to ScrapFest Friday and Saturday, and an estimated 2,500 people came to check out 17 recycled scrap metal sculptures created by teams of local artists. In the lead-up to the festival, the teams were given one hour to pick out up to 500 pounds of metal from a scrap facility and two weeks to construct their sculptures.

The finished products were displayed at the festival, where they competed in a juried competition for cash prizes, as well as a People's Choice Award selected by festival attendees. A live auction of all 17 sculptures was held at the end of the second day.

Austin Ashley, executive director of the Old Town Commercial Association, wasn't ready to give specific numbers but said that this year's auction was the best ever, almost doubling the total raised last year. Team Hammered's "Jonah," winner of both the first place jury prize and the People's Choice



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

Award, raised \$4,100 on its own.

Ashley counts this year's ScrapFest, its first as a standalone festival, as a success and already has ideas to improve the festival for next year. But he is quick to point out that the community's participation is key to the festival's popularity.

"It's a testament to the ingenuity of our artists," he said.



One of the most popular sculptures at the festival was a set of tables shaped to look like the Upper and Lower Peninsula (Lower Peninsula shown). The piece, entitled "Michigan Cheers," was created by team Scrap on my Mind.

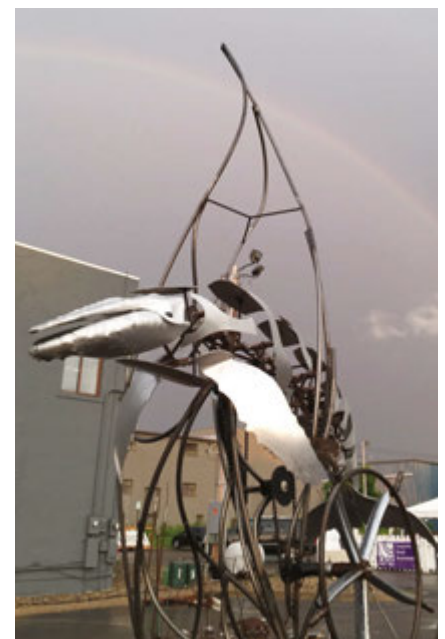


Photo by Stephen Purchase



Visitors had a chance to survey all 17 sculptures and cast a vote for the People's Choice Award.

"Jonah," winner of the first place jury prize and the People's Choice Award, pulled in \$4,100 at the ScrapFest auction.

# Drive-by history

## New book looks at the history of M-22

By **BILL CASTANIER**

Tourists have been navigating the narrow roads of Northern Michigan's M-22 since the early 1900s, checking out the beautiful beaches, idyllic farm lands, sweeping sand dunes and the seemingly locked-in-time villages.

Thanks to "Vintage Views Along Scenic M-22 Including Sleeping Bear Dunes" — a new book by authors M. Christine Byron and Thomas R. Wilson, both of East Grand Rapids — you can take the trip from the comfort of your easy chair.

"It's been a popular destination for more than 100 years," said Byron, a former local history librarian with the Grand Rapids Public Library.

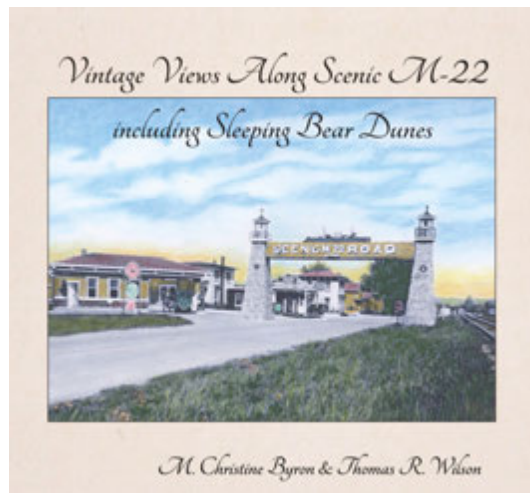
The 248-page book uses vintage postcards, photographs and advertising ephemera to take readers on a trip back in time. A time when the drive was slower and less commercial. Wilson said that the postcards, which are used to show the route's various roadside attractions, are the foundation of the book.

"Postcards coincide with the invention of automobiles," he said. "They are really the Twitter of their day."

Both Wilson and Byron are collectors of old postcards, with more than 25,000 in their combined collections.

The couple has used its extensive postcard collection as the basis for four other travel books on Michigan, including "Vintage Views Along the West Michigan Pike," which won both a Michigan Notable Book Award and a Historical Society of Michigan Award in 2012.

It was the success of their book on Leelanau County, however, which spurred the duo to make the M-22 book. The Leelanau book went out of print, and when the printing house was sold it resulted in the loss of the book's digital files. Rather than



Courtesy Photo  
"Vintage Views Along Scenic M-22" offers a look at one of Michigan's most popular tourist highways through vintage postcards and photographs.

M. Christine Byron & Thomas R. Wilson

recreate that book, the duo decided the M-22 book would take its place.

The new book starts with M-22's roots in Native American footpaths and follows its development and construction from rutted roads to the modern, 120-mile concrete highway.

The book gives armchair travelers a good look at the route, which runs from Manistee to Traverse City, passing through villages with names like Arcadia, Empire and Northport that harken back to a slower time.

Along the way, the book stakes out an interesting history of travel in Michigan, including popular tourist destinations like the "mystifying forces of gravity" site of Glen Magic and Lund's Scenic Garden in Maple City.

At its peak in the mid-20th century, Byron said, the garden would get 10,000 visitors during the summer.

"It was a very big deal," she said.

The garden, which opened in 1948 and

closed in 1987, included life-size painted scenes from the life of Christ. Travel and food authors Jane and Michael Stern compared the style of the works to that of Henri Rousseau, "but with a religious theme."

Lansingites will appreciate the section on the Dunesmobile experience — beaches where tourists could ride in roomy Oldsmobile convertibles across the dunes, flying up to 60 miles

an hour. This practice was curtailed due to environmental concerns when the area received National Park status in 1978.

One striking postcard shows a fleet of new 1956 Olds Super 88 convertibles outside Frank Paulos' Oldsmobile dealership in Traverse City.

The book also delights readers with its look back on the many lodging and dining sites that once dotted the route. The photos will have your mouth watering for a malt at the Open Hearth Fountain and Grill's soda counter or a meal at the scenic Willow Brook Inn, which, according to an ad, was "among the big willows and on the banks of a tumbling stream." Both legendary stops in Northport are closed.

Many photos advertise the tiny one room cottages, some with "free TV" signs out front, that offered respite for travelers along the route.

Byron and Wilson also do a great job of se-

lecting messages from postcards to illustrate the trip. One postcard, sent from a bookstore in Omena, reads, "We were at a bookstore at Omena and we had a feast of books."

The book also includes some rarely seen images of early Peshawbestown, a Catholic mission turned Native American Reservation and home of the Leelanau Sands Casino.

The popularity of M-22 has been no accident. There have been four different tourist associations promoting the route, Byron said, beginning in 1913 with the West Michigan Lake Shore Highway Association. Many of the book's illustrations are drawn from promotional pieces generated by these associations. One refers to Michigan's dunes as "the Michigan Sahara."

One site that both Wilson and Byron recommend is the scenic turnout at Arcadia.

"It's as it was back then," Wilson said.

In the book's preface, Byron and Wilson offer one piece of advice for travelers: "Don't forget to send a postcard to folks back home."

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## Wednesday, July 22

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1 & 2.** French immersion class for babies ages 0-2 & 2-4. 4:15 p.m. (2-4) & 5:15 p.m. (0-2). Mother & Earth Baby Boutique, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. [ow.ly/PhuBb](http://ow.ly/PhuBb).

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 367-6363.

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Vietnamese Buddhist Temple, 3015 S. Washington St., Lansing. (517) 351-5866, [lmc.info](http://lmc.info).

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

**Ukulele Play-Along.** Learn how to play chords and songs on the ukulele. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700, [marshallmusic.com](http://marshallmusic.com).

**Rebounding.** Mini-trampoline. Low-impact exercise. Info session. 2-3 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

**Sustainability & Economic Development.** How to convert biomass to marketable products. 6 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434, [pilgrimucc.com](http://pilgrimucc.com).

### EVENTS

**Open Workshop.** Bike repair, bike safety and biking as healthy exercise. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Kids Repair Program, 5815 Wise Road, Lansing. (517) 755-4174.

**Practice Your English.** Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, [elpi.org](http://elpi.org).

**Power Tools 101 @ ANC.** With GLHC's Bruce Witwer and Maurice Ruiz. 10 a.m.-noon, FREE. Allen Market Place, 1619 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing. (517) 367-2468, [allenneighborhoodcenter.org](http://allenneighborhoodcenter.org).

**Dr. Zeemo: Science of Spinning.** Balloons and propellers show the science of spinning, 10-11 a.m. FREE. CADL South Lansing Library, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (517) 272-9840.

**Music with Marimbamania.** Global musical selections on authentic marimbas. 1:30-2:30

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## A fresh twist



Photo by Melissa Downs

Two rats (Meredith Nawyn-Hellinga and Riley Souza) are drawn to the playing of the Pied Piper (Ava Brewer).

## Friday, July 24

What happens when you combine an infestation of rats, a double-crossing mayor, a piper who plays irresistible music and a cast and crew of 81 kids? Audiences will get a chance to find out as All-of-us Express presents its take on "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," opening on the East Lansing Hannah Community Center stage Friday.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" tells the story of the medieval town of Hamelin, which hires a man to get rid of its rat infestation by playing his magic pipe. However, the town doesn't pay the piper, so he uses his magic pipe to kidnap the children of the village.

Youth program coordinator Kathleen Miller believes that the moral of the tale makes it a perfect show for young audiences and their families.

"Here we have a classic tale for families and children, similar to Aesop's fables, which are known for their morals," said Miller. "And in this specific story the moral relates to greed."

All-of-us Express uses children of

all ages in all aspects of producing a play — from acting to set and costume design to construction. The group produces four major local productions a year, including an annual summer production.

"The summer show always has a different energy to it," said Sarah Willis, artistic director of All-of-us Express. "That comes from the joyous challenge of having such a large cast of youth who are excited about everything."

Willis graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2013 with a degree in creative writing and theater and began working with All-of-us Express in January 2014. She enjoys the challenge of working with the large group of children involved in the group's productions.

"They are full of energy," Willis said. "And they always have a story to tell you about something funny that happened to someone that you might not think is funny, but the way they tell it is certainly funny."

The company last performed "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" in 2004, and Willis is eager to bring the work to

life once again.

"This is one of our tried and true shows," Willis said. "Part of the reason we chose it again is that it is infinitely expandable and you can add in a whole bunch of 6-year-olds who will just have a blast doing it."

This production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is directed by local theater mainstay Rick Dethlefsen, and he is adding his own twists to the play.

"I think audiences of all ages will enjoy the physical comedy added to the script by Rick," Willis said. "The show is coming together smoothly — as long as you avoid the Piper and her trail of energetic rats!"

### "The Pied Piper of Hamelin"

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# Turn it Down

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



WED. JULY 29TH

## WHEN PARTICLES COLLIDE AT MAC'S BAR

Mac's Bar, 2600 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$8, \$7 adv., 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 29

When Particles Collide, an alt-rock duo from Bangor, Maine, mixes Blondie-influenced vocals with commanding, Queens of the Stone Age-style guitar riffs and a punk rock ethos. The band headlines Mac's Bar Wednesday, openers include local bands Hat Madder and Red Teeth. Rounding out the bill is Head, a Grand Rapids-based punk trio. When Particles Collide comprises drummer Chris Viner and vocalist/guitarist Sasha Alcott. The husband/wife duo met in 2010 while both were participating in a local production of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." Six months later they were gigging, and three years later they were married. Since 2012, the band has toured the country extensively—last year they played just over 100 shows. In May, the band released its new six-song disc, "This Town." The album is available to stream or purchase at [whenparticlescollide.bandcamp.com](http://whenparticlescollide.bandcamp.com).

## ADELITAS WAY AT THE LOFT



THU. JULY 23RD

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$15, \$12 adv., 7 p.m., Thursday, July 23

Virgin Records-signed band Adelitas Way launched into the mainstream with its 2009 single, "Invincible." The breakthrough song was picked up as the theme song for professional wrestling TV program "WWE Superstars." Since then, the melodic hard-rock outfit has released a string of albums and toured alongside Guns N' Roses, Three Days Grace and Seether. The Las Vegas-based band's latest LP, 2014's "Stuck," features "Dog on a Leash" — the hit single reached No. 7 on Billboard's Active Rock Chart. The band headlines an all-ages show at the Loft Thursday. Warming up the stage is Bad Seed Rising, the youngest band ever to sign with Roadrunner Records. The group, led by 17-year-old vocalist Francheska Pastor, released its third EP, "A Place Called Home," in May. Also opening are Assume Nothing and St8 of Mine.

## AC/DC, THE REPLACEMENTS COVER BANDS AT THE AVENUE



FRI. JULY 24TH

Bastards of Young

The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$5, 8 p.m., Friday, July 24

Two of Lansing's edgiest tribute bands, ICY/DICEY (AC/DC) and Bastards of Young (The Replacements), return Friday to the Avenue Café. ICY/DICEY got its band name from saying "AC/DC" with a skewed accent, but it's also a nod to Michigan's treacherous winter roads. According to the band's bio, its set list is "98.32% Bon Scott-era material," so fans of pre-"Back in Black" AC/DC should be satisfied. Meanwhile, Bastards of Young play plenty of the Replacements tunes from the "Tim" LP, as well as other select alt-rock classics. Last month, the (actual) Replacements re-broke up after a successful reunion tour, so Bastards of Young might be the closest thing you'll see for a while. Opening the show is Cosmonaut, an original Grand Rapids-based post-punk outfit. Cosmonaut's 2014 "Killed by a Blushing Crow" EP was recorded in Chicago with famed recording engineer Steve Albini at his studio, Electrical Audio.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT RICH TUPICA AT [RICH@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM](mailto:RICH@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM) >>> TO BE LISTED IN LIVE & LOCAL E-MAIL [LIVEANDLOCAL@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM](mailto:LIVEANDLOCAL@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM)

## LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Service Industry Night, 3 p.m.	Open Mic, 9 p.m.	Icy/Dacey, 8 p.m.	Tease A-Gogo, 9 p.m.
Black Cat Bistro, 115 Albert Ave.				Taylor Taylor, 9 p.m.
Blue Gill Grill, 1591 Lake Lansing Rd.			The Tenants, 9 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 5 p.m.
Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Dr.			Rachel & Alex, 8:30 p.m.	Rush Clement, 8:30 p.m.
Coach's Pub & Grill, 6201 Bishop Rd.	DJ Trivia, 9 p.m.		Blue Hair Betty's, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		Open Mic w/Pat Zelenka, 9 p.m.		
Copper, 2874 E. Lake Lansing Rd.		Alistar, 6 p.m.		
Dublin Square, 327 Abbot Rd.			Mark Warner, 5 p.m.	Mark Warner, 5 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies, 9:30 p.m.	Skoryoke Live Band Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.			Karaoke w/Joanie Daniels, 7 p.m.	
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.	Johnny D Jam, 9 p.m.	Karaoke Kraze, 9 p.m.	Mix Pack, 9 p.m.	Scratch Pilots, 9 p.m.
Gus's Bar, 2321 W. Michigan Ave.		Adelitas Way, 7 p.m.		Capital City Bachelorette Party, 8 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.				J. Roddy Waltson & the Business, 7 p.m.
Harper's, 131 Albert Ave.	Mike Vial, 6 p.m.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Kevin Brown, 6 p.m.	Scott Seth, 6 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	O'brother, 7 p.m.	SonReal, 7 p.m.	Mad Moon, 8 p.m.	Tigger the Rapper, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.		Fat Boy & Jive Turkey, 9 p.m.	Big Boss Blues, 9 p.m.	Acme Jam, 9 p.m.
Peppino's, 213 Ann St.	Reggae Lou, 5 p.m.		Scott Seth, 8 p.m.	
Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Rd.	Rush Clement, 6 p.m.	Kevin Schaffer, 6 p.m.	Kathy Ford, 6 p.m.	Chris Lasko, 8 p.m.
Reno's North, 16460 Old US 27	Kathy Ford Band Karaoke, 7:30 p.m.	Chris Lasko, 6 p.m.	Swamp Knights, 6 p.m.	The New Rule, 6 p.m.
Reno's West, 501 W. Saginaw Hwy.	Sarah Brunner, 6 p.m.	Mike Cooley, 6 p.m.	The New Rule, 6 p.m.	Rachel & Alex, 6 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.			DJ Chalky, 9 p.m.
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.		Frog's Open Blues Jam, 8:30 p.m.	Lady Luck, 8:30 p.m.	Lady Luck, 8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Bar & Grill, 325 City Market Dr.			Joe Wright, 7 p.m.	
Watershed, 5965 Marsh Rd.	Trevor Compton, 7 p.m.	Dan MacLachlan, 8 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.	Capital City DJs, 10 p.m.
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.			DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.

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BETTER HEALTH STORE

Photo by Kyle Castle

Tedd Handelsman, owner of the Michigan-based Better Health Store chain, will spend about \$1 million to renovate his store near Frandor. His plans include more retail space, a new meat counter, a larger dining area and a kitchen four times the size of the current one.

### By ALLAN I. ROSS

"The Food Network Effect" has created booming interest in the wheres, whys and hows of food production, as well as a seemingly unending hunger for organic, gluten-free and GMO-free foodstuffs. Thanks to infotaining shows that highlight specialty dishes and ingredients from around the world hosted by larger-than-life chefs, once marginalized foods have suddenly gone mainstream. Congratulations, kale — it's your day in the sun!

But there's only so much room for all of the beet greens and garlic scapes hitting the shelves — not to mention antibiotic-free beef and wild-caught fish — and local stores

have scrambled to make space. For Tedd Handelsman, owner of the Michigan-based **Better Health Store** chain — which has two Metro Lansing locations — that demand was the tipping point for him to invest about \$1 million to expand the sales floor of his Frandor store. But the timing, he said, is entirely coincidental with the looming grand opening of a certain organic food market chain location across town.

"This was in the deck long before Whole Foods announced they were coming," Handelsman said about the national chain store under construction in East Lansing. "It's been 15 years and (our building) needed a refresh anyway. We've been getting so many

requests for some of these items that it only made sense."

Handelsman will move the interior rear wall of the 17,000-square-foot store back by 20 feet, opening up about 2,000 square feet of new floor space. The back of the store will continue to be a bank of coolers. (The area behind that had just been used for storage until now.) The kitchen, which is now tucked back in the northwest rear corner, will quadruple in size and stretch along the entire right side of the store.

"You'll be able to either to stop in and pick up freshly cut (sides of) grass-fed beef and free-range chicken, or you can have it cooked in-house," Handelsman said. "This new setup will allow us to offer much more variety."

Handelsman has 14 Better Health Stores in Michigan and employs about 300 full-time workers. He said he does about \$40 million in annual sales and expects that number to increase as interest in healthy eating continues to grow.

"People are much more informed about their food nowadays," Handelsman said. "It's great to see all this interest. And we make it easier, because we don't allow products in the store that don't meet our standards for healthy eating. It makes it that much easier to shop because you don't have to read every label."

That luxury, of course, comes with a price. It costs a little more to shop at Better Health Store than somewhere like Meijer or Horrocks, but Handelsman says the organic, gluten-free and antibiotic-free food he sells — which inherently has significantly

higher prices than preservative-laden fare — is still reasonable.

"You definitely pay less (at Better Health Store) than you would at Whole Foods," he said. "We compete with the Whole Foods in Detroit, and if you compare receipts, you'll see the difference. Being family owned and operated gives us a little more flexibility to be able to do that."

Handelsman got into the health food store business after his family sold its long-time dental supply business — once the third largest in North America — in the late '90s. Initially, he had envisioned an online vitamin store, but the dot-com crash made him reconsider his options. Instead, he purchased a small chain of vitamin stores starting in the Metro Detroit area and slowly expanded them into health food outlets. The expansion into to mid-Michigan happened in 2000 after he purchased Randall's Health Food, 305 N. Clippert Ave. across from Frandor Shopping Center; the West Lansing location, 6235 W. Saginaw Highway, opened concurrently.

The renovation work, which is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1, will also include an all-new electrical protocol system to reduce energy consumption. Additionally, the dining area will be moved next to the floor-to-ceiling windows up front.

"It will make it a nicer place to eat, and our kitchen will become much more visible," Handelsman said. "We're also adding new floors, new colors, new signs to really (enhance) the shopping experience. It will look like an all new store."

## Out on the town

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p.m. FREE. CADL Haslett Library, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. (517) 339-2324.

**Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team.** Brian and Jay perform feats of aerial dexterity. 1-2 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi Library, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351, cadl.org.

**Annual Community Garden Tour.** Bus, bike and foot tour of Lansing's unique gardens. 5:30-8 p.m. \$1-\$20 suggested donation. Garden Project Resource Center, 2401 Marcus St., Lansing. (517) 853-7809, ow.ly/PrETG.

**Allen Street Market Kid's Fest.** Health screenings, live music and fun for kids. 2:30-7 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, facebook.com/AllenStreetFarmersMarket.

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

**Practice Your English.** Practice listening to and speaking English. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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

### MUSIC

**Fusion Shows presents.** Music begins at 10 p.m. 21 and older welcome. 10 p.m. FREE. Crunchy's Pizza & Burgers, 254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com.

**Ben Hassenger.** Live musical performance featuring the ukulele. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911, benhassenger.com.

**Temesgen.** Temesgen will play traditional Ethiopian music. 4-6 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St. Lansing. (517) 999-3911, temesgen.com.

**Music in the Village.** With Ryan Shadbolt and the Spragues. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Meridian Historical Village, 5113 Marsh Road, Okemos. (517) 347-7300, meridianhistoricalvillage.org.

**St. Johns Concert in the Park.** Mid-Michigan Festival Pops Orchestra: Classical, 7 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Johns City Park Performance Shell, 800 W. Park St., St. Johns. (989) 224-2429, clintoncountyarts.org.

**Acoustic Lunch: the Accidentals.** Bring your lunch and enjoy live music. Noon, FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800.

**O'Brother.** With guests Secret Grief and Bittersweet. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com.

### THEATER

**"Story Theatre."** Stories from "Aesop's Fables" and "Grimm's Fairy Tales." 7 p.m. FREE. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre, N. Washington behind Dart Auditorium, Lansing. (517) 483-1546.

## Thursday, July 23 CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** 5:15 p.m. \$5. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 349-9183, newhopehaslett.com.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Weigh-in 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m. FREE. St. David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing. (517) 882-9080, stdavidslansing.org.

**Following Tracks & Traces Camp.** Kids discover animal tracks & enjoy nature at camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Sense-ational Nature Camp.** Kids use their senses to discover animals and nature. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$32/1-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Meditation.** For beginners and experienced. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. Quan Am Temple, 1840 N. College Ave., Mason. (517) 853-1675, quanamtemple.org.

**Family Storytime.** Ages up to 6. Stories, rhymes and activities. 10:30 a.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6363, cadl.org.

**Tarot Study Group.** With Dawne Botke. 7 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3619, triplegoddessbookstore.net.

**Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.** 7-8 p.m. FREE. Community Mental Health Building, room 214G, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

**Marketing Your Business.** Marketing ideas designed to grow small businesses. 9:30 a.m.-noon, FREE. Small Business Development Center, LCC, Suite 110, 309 N. Washinton Square, Lansing. (517) 483-1921, sbdcMichigan.org.

**Shamanic Healing Clinic.** Education and healing

techniques demo. 6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Willow Stick Ceremonies, 1515 W. Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 3, Lansing. (517) 402-6727, willowstickceremonies.com.

**Celebrate Recovery.** For all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Trinity Church (Lansing), 3355 Dunckel Road, Lansing. (517) 492-1866.

**Genealogy.** With the Michigan Genealogical society. 2 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

**HERO: Basement Waterproofing.** Home improvement class. Call ahead to register. 6-8 p.m. FREE. Neighborhood Empowerment Center, 600 W. Maple St., Lansing. (517) 372-5980, glhc.org.

**Youth Author Workshop.** With guest speaker and teen author Vivian Trutzl. 1-3 p.m. FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 669-3156, dewittlibrary.org.

**MMAP Medicare/Medicaid Program.** 5:30 p.m. FREE. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

**East Lansing Citizens Concerned.** Public forum. Numerous topics discussed. 7 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 332-3106.

### EVENTS

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

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

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**Euchre.** No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

**Duct Tape Super Hero Workshop.** Make duct tape capes, cuffs, belts, boots & masks. 2:30-3:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Foster Library, 200 N. Foster Ave. Lansing. (517) 485-5185, cadl.org.

**South Lansing Farmers Market.** Local produce, delicious prepared foods and hand made goodies. 3-7 p.m. FREE. St. Casimir Catholic Church, 800 W. Barnes Ave. Lansing. (517) 374-5700.

**8-Ball Tournament.** Bring your pool game to the Avenue. Call to confirm because it is cancelled occasionally. 7 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403.

**Capital Area Crisis Men & Women's Rugby Practice.** Weather permitting. All experience levels welcome. 6-8 p.m. FREE. St. Joseph Park, 2151 W. Hillsdale St., Lansing.

**Ice Cream Social.** 12:30 p.m. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

**Moonlight Film Festival.** Outdoor film series. Big Hero 6 (PG), 9:30 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888. cityofeastlansing.com.

**Hero Thursdays @ 2.0.** Make a thank you note for your everyday hero. 1-2 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave., East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Super Recyclers.** Learn how to be a super recycler. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Harvest Basket Produce Sale.** Farmers market with organically grown produce. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 1124 E. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-6085.

## MUSIC

**Music in the Garden.** Flat River Big Band plays swinging favorites. 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted. Veterans Memorial Gardens Amphitheater, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 268-3007, holtarts.org.

**Donny Brown in Concert.** Verve Pipe drummer and songwriter in solo show. 7:30 p.m. \$15/\$10 students. Old Town General Store, 408 E. Grand River Ave. Lansing. (517) 487-6847, oldtown-generalstore.com.

**SonReal.** With guests Hitman, Bizzair and more. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$10. Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 484-6795, fusionshows.com.

**Pops Concert.** Family outdoor community band concert. 7 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 490-0481.

## Friday, July 24

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Salsa Capital.** Lessons and dancing. Beginner, intermediate and open dancing. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$5. 1133 S. Washington Ave., Reo Town, Lansing. (517) 230-9018.

**Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1 & 2.** French immersion class for babies ages 0-2 & 2-4. 9:30 a.m. (2-4) & 10:30 a.m. (0-2). Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 643-8059, ow.ly/PhuBb.

## FRIDAY, JULY 24 >> THE ART OF: THE CART

Local celebrities Mark and Krysta McGee of Mark's Gourmet Dogs will share their original gourmet recipes and explore traditional dog styles from around the country as the Broad Art Museum presents the "Art of: The Cart." The McGees' food truck's winning appearance on television show "Food Court Wars" earned the pair a year of free rent at the Lansing Mall Food Court. At Friday's event they will share why they believe food carts and trucks are the new incubators of food innovation. The duo will also offer food samples and have meals for sale. Space is limited, so reservations are recommended. 6 p.m. \$20/\$15 members/FREE for children 12 and under. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, broadmuseum.msu.edu.

## FRIDAY, JULY 24 >> 'TOTEMS' OPENING RECEPTION

Bay City artist Mark Piotrowski will celebrate the opening of his latest exhibition, "Totems" with a Friday evening reception at the Lansing Art Gallery. Piotrowski creates intricate, vibrant designs with enamel on shaped panels. Before the reception, Piotrowski will host an artist talk at 6:30 p.m. "Everything that we go through on a daily basis as people — be it joyous news, scandals, death, or bombings — we are still a community that is trying to look on the brighter side. My work seeks to represent this vision," said Piotrowski. The exhibition opens Friday and will run through Aug. 27. 7-9 p.m. FREE. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 W Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 374-6400, lansingartgallery.org/totems.

## EVENTS

**3rd Annual Freedom Fest.** Music, dance and guest speaker. 7 p.m. FREE. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 253-0275, wordoflife612.com.

**Minecraft Game Night.** Get your game on with fellow Minecrafters. Registration required. 7-8:30 p.m. FREE. CADL Holt-Delhi Library, 2078 Aurelius Road, Holt. (517) 694-9351, cadl.org.

**Local Hero StoryTime.** Listen to a story read by heroes from ELFD & ELPD. 10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Summer Concert Series.** Outdoor music with Dragspel. 7 p.m. FREE. Ann Street Plaza, Albert Avenue at M.A.C. Avenue, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com.

**The Art of: the Cart.** With Mark and Krysta McGee of Mark's Gourmet Dogs. 6 p.m. \$20/\$15 members/ages 12 and under FREE. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, ow.ly/PKRRR.

**ECHRS Open House.** Open house for new ECHRS Service line. 3-7 p.m. FREE. Healing and Recovery Center and Wellness 101. 1027 Healthcare Drive, Charlotte. (517) 543-2940 ext. 2703, echrshealth.org.

## MUSIC

**Music in the Garden.** French horn duo Claire Ross and Matthew Sedatole. Noon-1 p.m. FREE. Beal Botanical Gardens, 412 Olds Hall, East Lansing. facebook.com/bealgarden.msu.

## THEATER

**"Story Theatre."** (See July 22 for details.) 7 p.m. FREE. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre, N. Washington behind Dart Auditorium, Lansing. (517) 483-1546.

**"Alice In Wonderland."** New adaptation of the Lewis Carroll story. 7 p.m. \$7/\$5 children. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

## Saturday, July 25

## CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Tai Chi in the Park.** For beginning and experienced tai chi players. Instruction in Qigong, meditation and Yang style tai chi forms. 9-10 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

**Aux Petits Soins-Explorers 1.** French immersion class for babies ages 0-2. 9:30 a.m. \$15 drop-in/\$12 per week for 10-week session. Mother & Earth Baby Boutique, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. ow.ly/PhuBb.

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

**Yoga at the Broad MSU.** With local instructors. Bring your own mat. 11 a.m. FREE with advanced registration. Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4800, ow.ly/PhuBb.

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# 2015 SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

ReDiscover Play

**The Free Concert in the Parks Series is held throughout the summer at selected Lansing parks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Date	Band	Park
7/22	Tejano Sound	Schmidt Center
7/29	Big Willy (Blues)	St Joe Park
8/5	Sea Cruisers (Oldies)	Turner Dodge House

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## EVENTS

**Great Lakes Feis.** Irish dancing, music, baking and fine arts. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$7/ages 16 and under FREE. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (734) 762-0997, greatlakesfeis.org.

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

**Bat Time Campfire.** Enjoy campfire, bat program & roast marshmallows. 7-8:30 p.m. \$3/\$7 family. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Circus Tease-A-GoGo.** The most fabulous circus burlesque spectacular. 9 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Cafe, 2021 Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 853-0550, teaseagogo.com.

**Henna Tattoo Workshop.** Express creativity with all-natural Henna body art. 2-3 p.m. FREE. CADL

Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave. Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

**Clean Comedy Show.** Group from St. Louis performing clean comedy show. 7 p.m. \$15 per ticket or 2 for \$25. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W. Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 528-8375, wordoflife612.com.

**REO Eats! Food Truck Court.** Food trucks, an open-air bar and live music. 4-8 p.m. FREE. REO Town, 1100 block of S. Washington Ave., Lansing, reoeats.com.

**Taste of Downtown.** Food sampling, wine tasting and live music. 3-8 p.m. \$5-\$20. Downtown Lansing, Washington Square between Michigan and Washtenaw avenues, Lansing. (517) 487-3322, downtownlansing.org.

**Dog Wash for Gone 2 the Dogs.** To benefit Gone 2 the Dogs dog rescue. 1-4 p.m. \$5 donation. Soldan's Feed and Pet Supplies, 1802 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 323-6920, facebook.com/gone2thedogspetrescue14.

**Make Your Own Superhero Cape.** Become your own superhero and make a cape. Ages 5 plus. 1-3 p.m. FREE. ELPL 2.0 Maker Studio, 300 MAC Ave.

East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

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### SATURDAY, JULY 25 >> CIRCUS TEASE A GOGO

A circus is coming to town, but this one is not for the kids. Tease A Gogo, Lansing's popular burlesque variety show, is bringing its risqué take on circus hijinks to the Avenue Café Saturday. This installment includes acrobats, fire tricks, aerial acts, and a circus-themed photo booth. The evening is hosted by Naughty Autie and features acts such as the Eastside Fire Tribe, the Klaw Mark Kittens, Vivacious Miss Audacious and many more. 9 p.m. \$10. The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 492-7403, on.fb.me/1DqD2DM.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25 >> GONE 2 THE DOGS PET RESCUE DOG WASH

Do you hate giving your dog a bath? Let someone else do it and support a worthy cause at the same time as Gone 2 the Dogs Pet Rescue hosts a dog wash fundraiser Saturday. Volunteers will wash your dirty dogs for just \$5, with all proceeds going to Gone 2 the Dogs Pet Rescue. 1-4 p.m. \$5. Soldan's Feed & Pet Supplies, 6201 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 323-6920, on.fb.me/1SxK28Q.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25 >> TASTE OF DOWNTOWN

Prepare your taste buds for the sixth annual Taste of Downtown, back this summer with over 40 participating restaurants and over 100 wines to choose from. Restaurants offering food samples include downtown fixtures such as Clara's Lansing Station and Troppo, as well as newcomers like Glazed and Confused and the Crafty Palate. The afternoon will also feature live music by the Pulse, Global Village, Third Coast Steel and the Black Barn Band. Discounted advance tickets are available until July 24. 3-8 p.m. \$25/\$20 adv./\$5 children 12 and under. 100 block of S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 487-3322, tasteofdowntown.org.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25 >> CAR CAPITAL AUTO & BIKE SHOW

Over 300 classic cars and motorcycles will take over the streets of downtown Lansing as the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum presents the 23rd annual Car Capital Auto & Bike Show. The event is a third-party judged show, with up to \$6,000 available in award prizes. The event is free to attend, but if you'd like to show off your car or bike, pre-registration is \$25 for cars/trucks and \$15 for motorcycles with an extra \$5 fee to register the day of the show. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. FREE. Downtown Lansing. (517) 372-0529, reoldsmuseum.org/car-capital-auto-show-2015.

### SUDOKU ADVANCED

**TO PLAY**

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

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### Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"The Annoyingest"-- the title is the least of your worries.  
Matt Jones

**Across**

1 Low points  
7 Close pals  
11 "Just a \_\_\_!"  
14 Animal spotted in zoos  
15 Actress Remini  
16 \_\_\_ on the side of caution  
17 "I'll play some background music. How about '\_\_\_', that #1 hit from 2012 ..."  
19 First name in soccer  
20 Obamacare acronym  
21 "I doubt it"  
22 Surname in cartoon scent trails  
24 Summon, as a butler; "Downton Abbey"-style  
27 Dish alternative  
29 Vanessa of "Saturday Night Live"  
30 "Better yet, let's have that \_\_\_ ringtone character perform the theme song ..."  
34 Black, white or (Earl) Grey, e.g.  
36 He warned against the all-syrup Squishee  
37 Ear or mouth ending  
38 "While you're solving, think of the soothing sounds of a \_\_\_ in your ear ..."  
44 Israeli weapon  
45 College sr.'s exam  
46 Eighth mo.  
47 "I'll provide the clues in a visually pleasing \_\_\_ font ..."  
51 Bates and Thicke, for two  
55 German sausages, informally  
56 Partner of dental and vision  
58 What Frank mistook his intervention for in "It's Always Sunny"  
60 Cherokee or Tahoe, e.g.  
61 "\_\_\_-la-la!" (Captain Underpants call)  
62 Poetic planet  
63 "If these clues get you nowhere, you can \_\_\_ to stimulate the mind!"  
68 Crocodile feature  
69 "Hey, Jorge!"  
70 Basic shelter  
71 Approval from a futbol fan  
72 Restaurant reviewer's website  
73 Water under the bridge, maybe

**Down**

1 Like some strict diets  
2 Tree that yields gum arabic  
3 Dana of "Desperate Housewives"  
4 Fluish  
5 \_\_\_-com  
6 Court note-taker  
7 Uninteresting  
8 180-degree turn  
9 Small amount  
10 Civil War historian Foote  
11 Leatherneck's motto, briefly  
12 One of five lakes  
13 "That really stuck in my \_\_\_"  
18 "Double Dare" host  
Summers  
23 \_\_\_ on the Shelf (Christmas figure)  
25 "The Girl From Ipanema" saxophonist  
26 Open, in Cologne  
27 Pitch-raising guitar device  
28 College town northeast of Los Angeles  
31 College student's stereotypical meal  
32 At lunch, perhaps  
33 Day-\_\_\_ paint  
35 Feeling of apprehension  
38 Florida footballer, for short  
39 \_\_\_ Aduba ("OITNB" actress)  
40 Victoria Falls forms part of its border  
41 Fat, as in Fat Tuesday  
42 Athlete's leg muscle  
43 Hybrid citrus from Jamaica  
48 They eagerly await your return  
49 Like songs that get stuck in your head  
50 Blue stuff  
52 Curtain-parting time  
53 Airport serving Tokyo  
54 Alpine race  
57 Atrocities  
58 Color of a corrido cape  
59 Like folk traditions  
60 Cash-free transaction  
64 "Green Acres" theme song prop  
65 Bent pipe shape  
66 Human cannonball's destination  
67 So \_\_\_

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# Out on the town

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riverwalktheatre.com.

## Sunday, July 26

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

**Pokemon/Magic the Gathering Card Games.** Tutorials. Starter decks provided. 12:30 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com.

**Rick & Joe's Comics Crash Course For Kids.** Learn how to draw your own comic books. 3-5 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900, becauseeverybodyreads.com.

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

**Parents of LGBTQ kids.** Weekly support group. All faiths are welcome. 3-4:30 p.m. FREE. Diversity Psychological Services, 1310 Turner St., Lansing. (720) 401-4214.

### EVENTS

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

**3rd Annual Freedom Fest Closing.** Artists, special speaker and dancers. Noon. FREE. Mayflower Congregational Church, 2901 W Mount Hope Ave., Lansing. (517) 253-0275, wordoflife612.com.

**East Lansing Farmers Market.** Essential food items and much more. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Valley Court Park, 400 Hillside Court, East Lansing. (517) 319-6888, cityofeastlansing.com/farmersmarket.

**Atheists and Humanists Meeting.** Professor Eric Lambert. 5 p.m. FREE, \$10.20 buffet optional. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 914-2278, atheists.meetup.com/453.

### MUSIC

**Jimmy G. and the Capitols.** "Scorchin' HOT" Blues, rock and R&B/soul. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. FREE. Stober's Bar, 812 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 487-4464.

### THEATER

**"Story Theatre."** (See July 22 for details.) 7 p.m. FREE. LCC Outdoor Amphitheatre, N. Washington behind Dart Auditorium, Lansing. (517) 483-1546.

**"Alice In Wonderland."** New adaptation of the Lewis Carroll story. 2 p.m. \$7/\$5 children. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Drive, Lansing. (517) 482-5700, riverwalktheatre.com.

## Monday, July 27

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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

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

**French Club.** Practice listening to and speaking French. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Book Club.** Discussing "The Boys in the Boat." 11 a.m. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 N. Okemos Road, Okemos. (517) 706-5046.

### EVENTS

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

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

**Monday Movie Matinee.** For an adult audience. Featuring "American Sniper." 1 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Monday Make & Take Hero Crafts.** Make super hero crafts to take home. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

**Hero BabyTime.** Intended for ages 0-18 months with adult. 10:30-11 a.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420, elpl.org.

### THEATER

**Take it from the Top.** Take it from the Top enrollment is now open. \$315. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000, whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/take-it-from-the-top.

## Tuesday, July 28

### CLASSES AND SEMINARS

**Nature's Artists II Camp.** Kids create art from nature and explore outdoors. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$65/2-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous.** 5:45-6:45 p.m. FREE. Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 515-5559, coda.org.

**Speakeasies Toastmasters.** Improve listening, analysis, leadership and presentation skills. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

**Crafty Critters Nature Camp.** Preschoolers make crafts, enjoy animals and nature. 9 a.m.-noon. \$32/2-day camp. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. (517) 349-3866, meridian.mi.us.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** Have a support system, lose weight. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

**Not So Happy Endings Support Group.** For women ending relationships. 5:30-7:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 896-3311.

**Hopeful Hearts Grief Group.** Learn, grow and heal together. 10-11 a.m. FREE. The Marquette Activity Room, 5968 Park Lake Road, East Lansing. (517) 381-4866.

**Capital City Toastmasters Meeting.** Learn public speaking and leadership skills. 7 p.m. FREE. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300, cadl.org.

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### Vasilije from Montenegro - 15 (male)

I am tolerant, friendly, active, outgoing, sensitive and warm. I enjoy most all sports and being outside. My number one sport is basketball. In the States I would love to try to play American football. Since I live on the coast, swimming is something I really adore. I have a big heart for animals and would love to have a pet while on exchange in the United States.



### Sorrasisit from Thailand - 16 (male)

I'm talkative and friendly. I think people like me because I'm funny. When I grow up I want to be a soldier and an electrician. I am a sporty person, and aside from playing basketball in a club, I can also play soccer, table tennis, and badminton. I want to learn everything about the USA and I think my host family can help me.

### Lea from Germany - 16 (female)

I'm a confident person. I'm always nice to others and helpful. I love adventure and nature. In my free time I go out with friends and go to parks. In the winter I like to go ice skating, and in the summer I like to go swimming and dance ballet.



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# TOP 5 DINING GUIDE

THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN GREATER LANSING AS DECIDED BY CITY PULSE READERS

Based on your votes in City Pulse's 2015 Top of the Town contest, we've assembled a guide to your favorite Lansing-area eateries. We'll run single categories in the paper periodically, but the complete dining guide is always available on our website or on our official mobile app, The Pulse. The app is available on iPhone and Android platforms; head over to facebook.com/lansingapp or text "pulse" to 77948 for links to download. Bon appétit!

## TOP 5 BAKERY

### #1 ROMA BAKERY

City Pulse readers love its baked goods, especially the cannolis  
428 N. Cedar St., Lansing  
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romabakerydeli.com  
9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

### #2 BAKE N' CAKES

"Butter makes it better" at this bakery, known for its cupcakes and specialty desserts  
3003 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing  
(517) 337-2253  
bakencakes.com  
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### #3 GREAT HARVEST BREAD CO.

Known for its specialty breads, including cinnamon swirl and raspberry white chocolate swirl  
1919 W Grand River Ave, Okemos  
(517) 347-0022  
grearharvestlansing.com  
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### #4 WHIPPED

City Pulse readers praise Whipped's cake decorating, cupcakes and cookies (currently operating out of Roma Bakery)  
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whippedbakerylansing.com  
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### #5 SUGAR SHACK

City Pulse readers love Sugar Shack's cookie bites and giant cupcakes  
215 N. Clippert St., Lansing  
(517) 316-2009  
sugarshackshop.com  
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## Kushy assignment

### The Kushion impresses with quality products, superior service

With the summer heating up, I was looking for a chill spot where I could get quality meds from a knowledgeable budtender that was on a CATA route. The Kushion Provision Center is where I found myself.

The store has some curbside parking, as well as a lot in the back that is accessible through an alley. The alley is adorned with a colorful mural featuring the shop's unofficial mascot: some sort of guru-like character, cross-legged in apparent meditation. The front door looked like any standard glass business door, but inside this there was a second door: black, metal-grated with a custom marijuana leaf design built into it. They checked my ID and medical marijuana card, and I was in.

I looked around in the lobby, which had a video game system and a foosball table for waiting patients. It was a nice place to chill for a minute. Next, I was called into the green room to check out the products. The presentation was awesome. All the

### The Kushion Provision Center

1723 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
(517) 657-2932  
instagram.com/kushionprov  
10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

I picked up a high-CBD strain called Cannatonic #4 — a variety that I use daily — and a high-THC strain called Kosher Kush

to add some variety and hopefully help me sleep.

In the concentrate selection, they had a little of everything, from CO2 oils to stable, single-strain shatter for about \$35-45 per gram. The shatter looked and smelled great; I'm not always impressed with what some shops call shatter. Stable shatter can be touched without sticking to your fingers and can be broken into pieces without being put in the freezer. If it has to go in the freezer to get brittle, then it's not proper shatter. It was evident that the concentrate maker for the Kushion knows what he is doing.

Knowing that I would likely return soon, I did not get any wax on this trip. I also explored the case with edibles. The selection was a bit smaller than I'd expected, but seemed to have something for everyone. The options included marijuana-infused drinks and chocolate truffles, with marked doses ranging from 20 mg to 300 mg of THC. I chose to go with a low-dose chocolate square for \$5.

I asked several questions of the budtender. Not only was he knowledgeable about the selection, but he also knew a lot about CBD, various medical benefits and terpenes. Once home, I decided to start with the chocolate square to satisfy my sweet tooth. It had a very mild cannabis taste as it melted in my mouth, and the low dose of THC was just what I needed. Later on, I finished my day with the Kosher Kush. The burn was clean, and the ash was white. The earthy flavor was not covered up by the fruity taste, rather it was enhanced. I was quite happy with the flavor, taste and effect.

Kosher Kush is a great night time choice, because it is a heavy indica strain that regu-

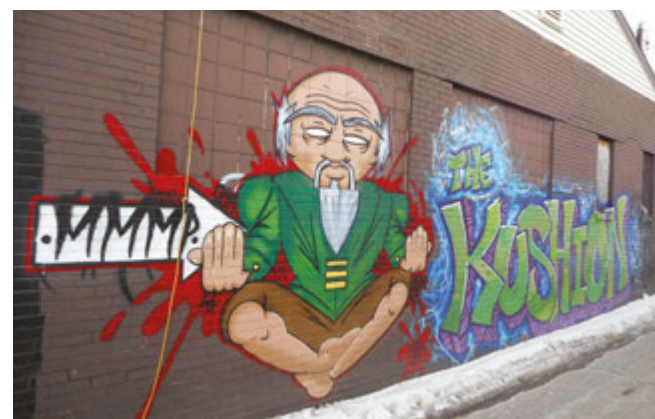


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A colorful mural in the Kushion's alley features the shop's unofficial mascot, some sort of ancient guru, in mid-meditation.

### THE GREEN REPORT



STEVE GREEN

larly tests in the high 20's for THC percentage. This high level of THC often leaves one yawning and stuck "inda-couch." There is an urban legend surrounding this strain's name, with some claiming the strain was blessed by a rabbi, but that's a story for another time. Blessing or no, this strain provided the much needed sleep I was hoping for.

The next morning, I woke refreshed and started my day with the Cannatonic #4. It was very effective in relieving my muscle spasms and chronic pain without the high of traditional marijuana.

Steve Green, who writes this column every two weeks, uses marijuana to prevent seizures. He has no business ties to any dispensaries or products.



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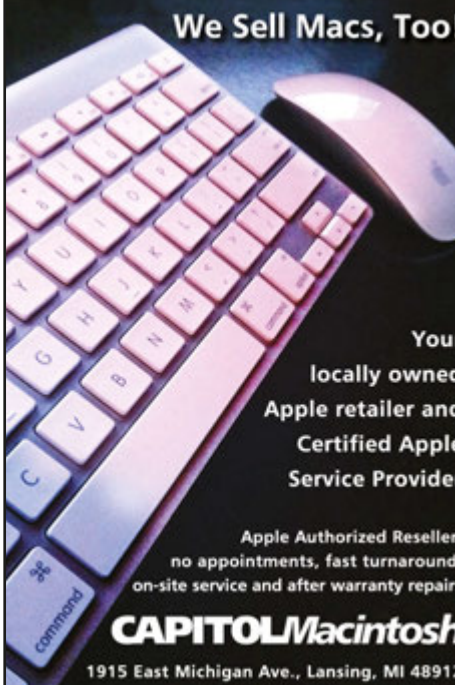
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