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More than a fad

Farm to table movement takes hold in Greater Lansing

By MEGAN WESTERS

The farm to table concept seems pretty intuitive: You eat what's close because it's easy, it's affordable and it's healthy. So it's no surprise that in the last decade it's become a full-blown social movement. In fact, the wholehearted "eat local" and "down-home feel" marketing has taken on nearly religious overtones in some homes and restaurants.

Although farm to table is the oldest way of doing things, the counterculture movement of the '60s and '70s is what really reenergized the movement. Chefs like Jerry Traunfeld from Herbfarm in Metro Seattle and Alice Waters from Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif., set the stage for the nationwide farm to table craze to come.

This craze has certainly hit in Greater Lansing — a welcome advance in a region that, for many years, was sorely lacking in fine or even trendy dining options. Lansing in the early 2000s was desolate when it came to interesting places to eat. Now, the area is home to a multitude of restaurants like Gracie's Contemporary Bistro in Williamston, Bridge Street Social in DeWitt and Red Haven in Okemos, all of whom utilize local producers as much as possible.

Although the farm to table concept seems simple, it's not an easy thing to pull off. Farm to table restaurants face many challenges that others don't. They have to deal with the unpredictable Michigan weather and its effects on the crops, find produce during the winter months, find farmers to supply the restaurant's demand and navigate the legal issues around using local foods.

Nina Santucci, co-owner and front of house manager of Red Haven, said that the biggest challenge is working with whatever products they have or don't have any given day.

"Right now, for example, it's warm and great outside, meaning that if it stays this way for a few days and then we get a freeze, there might not be as much fruit for the year — maybe none at all, it just depends," Santucci said. "My husband does all the ordering, and he spends a great deal of time on the phone with farmers, talking to them about things like this. It's a lot of work, but very rewarding in the end."

Sarah Kops, chef at the State Room, agreed, saying that the challenges in Michigan are seasonality, including the shorter growing season and the need to supplement in the off-season.

"Finding farms or multiple farms to get enough products to supply the demand can be difficult," Kops said.

And while chefs like Kops are concerned that they can't get enough product, farmers like Phil Throop, owner of Wildflower Eco Farm in Bath, are worried that there aren't enough restaurants that will buy their products.

"The thing is, restaurants don't typically use that much produce," Throop said. "There are those few that are actually buying locally and preparing it, but there aren't that many out there. It's a fairly small market."

Throop explained that large commercial produce farms grow vast quantities of a few crops. While Throop's farm is quite small, only 3 acres in size, his strategy is to grow a variety of crops in smaller batches.

"What helps us is growing lots of variety, so I can grow more on selling 20 types of veggies rather than three," he said. "Diversity is key for small farms like this. It allows us to be flexible and thorough on our crops."

Wildflower Eco Farm, which has provided produce for such Lansing area favorites as Soup Spoon Café and Red Haven, grows approximately 60 types of fruits and vegetables, includ-

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ing Asian pears, apples, radishes, greens, herbs and a variety of heirloom tomatoes.

Despite these challenges, local chefs and farmers seem optimistic that farm to table's pros far outweigh the cons, both economically and in taste.

Red Haven's menu, for example, boasts an interesting array of dishes made with an wide variety of uncommon ingredients. A recent scallop dish, for example, was made with sweet potato, blood orange, savory fennel and saffron. Other offerings from executive chef Anthony Maiale include butternut squash shooters made with bananas and bourbon.

Longtime Greater Lansing favorites like Dusty's Cellar, the State Room and Soup Spoon Café have followed suit in the local food department, broadening their ingredient repertoire and, in turn, their menus. Soup Spoon, for example, features cage-free eggs in its dishes, as well as housemade deli meats from Soup Spoon owner Nick Gavrilides'

start-up project, Wolfe Meats. Tannin in Okemos, makes all of its pasta in house. The local producers it has partnered with for other ingredients have their own section on the menu.

The State Room uses a lot of products from MSU assets, as well as Michigan farms like Otto's Chicken from Middleville. Dusty's Cellar is riding the "locavore" train, featuring entrees like half-roasted duck from Maple Leaf Farms in Falmouth.

The trend will likely continue to grow as Greater Lansing becomes home to more great eateries. EnVie, the long-anticipated French-American restaurant, for example, is slated to open downtown this year. Owners James Cheskaty and Lance Davis plan to source as much local produce and product as possible.

"I think people have become more connected with their food," Santucci said. "I think we got to this point where food was so processed, and people have gotten much more educated on what food can do for your body. We're much more educated consumers now than we were in the past."



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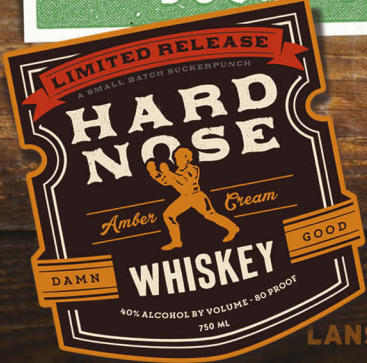
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Based on reader votes in City Pulse's 2016 Top of the Town contest, we've assembled a guide to favorite Lansing-area eateries. Bon appétit!

Voting for 2017's Top of the Town contest begins March 22. This year's categories can be seen in that week's edition of City Pulse. You can nominate and vote for your favorite Greater Lansing businesses, people and places online at lansingcitypulse.com. Winners are announced June 7. The Top of the Town contest determines our year-round Top Five Dining Guide, which highlights the best restaurants and bars as chosen by you, our readers.

TOP FOUR ASIAN BUFFET

#1 ASIAN BUFFET (OKEMOS)

4920 Marsh Road, Okemos
(517) 381-8388
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#2 HIBACHI GRILL & SUSHI BUFFET

5837 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 886-9999
hibachigrilllansing.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

#3 XIAO

3415 E. Saginaw St., Okemos
(517) 580-3720, xiaochinagrille.com
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 WORLD BUFFET

5003 W. Saginaw Highway, #3, Lansing
(517) 327-6688
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

TOP FIVE BAKERY

#1 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
6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#2 ROMA BAKERY

City Pulse readers love its baked goods, especially the cannolis
428 N. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 485-9466, romabakerydeli.com
9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

#3 GLAZED & CONFUSED

Specializing in donuts, this bakery offers unique flavors
(517) 253-7147
glazedandconfusedbakery.net
107 S. Washington Square, Lansing
6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.

#4 SWEETIE-LICIOUS BAKERY CAFE

This bakery, which specializes in pies, encourages patrons to "eat pie, love life."
108 N. Bridge Street, Dewitt
(517) 669-9300, sweetie-licious.com
7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.

#5 GROOVY DONUTS

This bakery bills itself as an old-school and retro donut and coffee shop.
313 W. Grand River Ave., Williamston.
(517) 996-6300
Closed Monday; 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

TOP FIVE BBQ

#1 MEAT

Old Town barbecue stop known for its smoked meats and house-made sauces
1224 E. Turner St., Lansing
(517) 580-4400, meatbbq.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-7 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday

#2 SADDLEBACK BBQ

Craft barbecue joint located in Lansing's REO Town
1147 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
(517) 253-7556, saddlebackbbq.com
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#3 FAMOUS DAVE'S

Chain restaurant known for its generous portions
2457 N. Cedar Road, Holt
(517) 694-1200, famousdaves.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#4 SMOKEY BONES

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2401 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
(517) 316-9973, smokeybones.com
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Grand Ledge barbecue joint that has its roots as a successful food truck

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TOP 5 BREAKFAST**#1 GOLDEN HARVEST**

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

#2 SOUP SPOON CAFE

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

#3 FLEETWOOD DINER

Twenty-four hour diner famous for its Hippie Hash
2211 S. Cedar St., Lansing.
(517) 267-7606, thefleetwooddiner.com
Open 24 hours Sunday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

#4 CREOLE COFFEE CO.

Sister-restaurant to The Creole that specializes in breakfast, lunch and Sunday brunch.

1216 Turner St., Lansing
(517) 371-1361
thecreolelansing.com/creole-coffee-co
8 a.m.-2 p.m. daily

#5 GOOD TRUCKIN' DINER

REO Town diner known for its breakfast omelets and burritos and specialty burgers
1107 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
(517) 253-7961
7 a.m.-2 p.m. daily.

TOP FIVE BURGER**#1 CRUNCHY'S**

Bar known for its burgers and craft beer selection
254 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 351-2506, crunchyseastlansing.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

#2 FIVE GUYS BURGERS & FRIES

Chain known for its made-to-order burger options and free peanuts
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#5 RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS

Chain restaurant famous for its specialty burgers and boozy shakes
6524 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 886-7440, redrobin.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

TOP FIVE CHINESE**#1 P.F. CHANG'S**

Family-friendly chain offering creative takes on Chinese fare in a striking space
Eastwood Towne Center, 2425 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing
(517) 267-3833, pfchang.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#2 CHEN'S RESTAURANT

Chinese eatery offering long menu of classic dishes in a simple setting
600 E Thomas St., Lansing
(517) 372-7292, lansingchens.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-10 p.m. Sunday

#3 CHARLIE KANG'S RESTAURANT

Compact Chinese & Korean eatery serves up traditional entrees
127 East Grand River Ave., East Lansing

(517) 332-4696, charliekangs.com
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-9:30 p.m. Sunday

#4 HOUSE OF HSU

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639 W Saginaw Hwy, Grand Ledge
(517) 627-4232
houseofhsugrandledge.com
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TOP FIVE COCKTAILS**#1 ZOOBIE'S OLD TOWN TAVERN**

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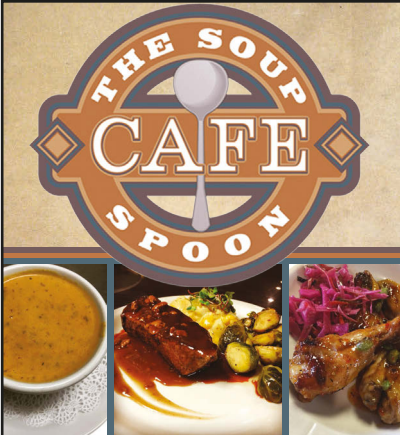
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(517) 484-2523, claddaghirishpubs.com
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#3 FRESH FISH MARKET

South Lansing joint known for its catfish nuggets and "Crack Chicken Wings"
3140 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Lansing
(517) 882-7007
10 a.m.-midnight Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday

#4 BLUE GILL GRILL

Nautical-themed pub known for its fried fish
1591 Lake Lansing Road, Haslett
(517) 339-4900, bluegillgrill.com
11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-2 p.m. Sunday

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#5 RED ROBIN

Chain restaurant famous for its specialty burgers and boozy shakes
6524 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
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TOP FIVE GREEK

#1 LOU AND HARRY'S (DOWNTOWN)

Sandwich shop known for its gyros and Greek specialties
119 S. Washington Square, Lansing
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354 Frandor Ave., Lansing.
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East Lansing pizza joint known for its Greek and Mediterranean specialties
1135 E. Grand River, East Lansing.
(517) 332-0858, thebellspizza.com
10 a.m.-4 a.m. daily

#5 ATHENA'S DINER

City Pulse readers recommend the spin-

ach pie with tzatziki sauce
3109 S. Cedar St., Lansing
(517) 394-0072, athenasdiner.com
6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

TOP FIVE ICE CREAM SHOP

#1 MSU DAIRY STORE

Big Ten-themed ice cream offerings include Buckeye Blitz and Badger Berry Cheesecake
474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing
(517) 355-8466, dairystore.msu.edu
9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

#2 TASTY TWIST

Counter serve offering classic and soft serve ice cream flavors and toppings
1137 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 332-2677
11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-11 p.m. Sunday

#3 COLDSTONE CREAMERY

Ice cream parlor chain that also offers cakes
200 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing
(517) 337-9550, coldstonecreamery.com
Noon-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursdays; Noon-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

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2006 W. Willow St., Lansing
(517) 487-6087, delucaspizza.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday; closed Sunday

#2 CUGINO'S

Grand Ledge eatery known for its classic Italian cuisine and generous portions
306 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
(517) 627-4048, cuginosmenu.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday

#3 BRAVO! CUCINA ITALIANA

Upscale-casual chain restaurant known for its modern take on Italian classics
2970 Towne Center Blvd., Lansing
(517) 485-3779, bravoitalian.com
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

Casual dining chain known for its classic Italian fare
6540 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 323-8055, carrabbas.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#5 OLIVE GARDEN

Family-friendly chain with Italian standards and a full bar.
5015 Marsh Road, Okemos
(517) 349-0330, olivegarden.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

TOP 5 MEDITERRANEAN**#1 WOODY'S OASIS**

City Pulse readers love Woody's fast-food take on Mediterranean cuisine
1050 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing
(517) 351-2280, woodysoasis.com
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

#2 ZAYTOON MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

City Pulse readers love the fresh, well-prepared food and Mediterranean ambiance
940 Elmwood Road, Lansing
(517) 203-5728, zaytoonlansing.com
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#3 ALADDIN'S RESTAURANT

City Pulse readers recommend the chicken schwarma and Mediterranean salad
300 N. Clippert St., Lansing
(517) 333-8710, aladdinslansing.com
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

#4 SULTAN'S MEDITERRANEAN

Known for its authentic Mediterranean fare and bright, welcoming dining room
(517) 333-4444
sultansmediterranean.com
4790 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

#5 TABOOI MEDITERRANEAN

Contemporary eatery for create-your-own rice bowls, wrap sandwiches and more.
1620 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 253-0250, tabooi4u.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 MEXICAN**#1 EL AZTECO (EAST LANSING)**

City Pulse readers recommend the enchiladas suizas and the margaritas
225 Ann St., East Lansing
(517) 351-9111, elazeast.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#2 CANCUN MEXICAN GRILL

Okemos eatery serves up delicious Mexican staples
1754 Central Park Drive, Okemos
(517) 347-8114, cancungl.com
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#3 EL OASIS FOOD TRUCK
City Pulse readers love this food truck's Mexican staples
2501 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
(517) 882-2100
8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

#4 LOS TRES AMIGOS (DOWNTOWN)
Michigan-based chain of restaurants known for its Mexican cuisine and house-made salsas and sauces
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107-109 E. Allegan St., Lansing.
(517) 316-0066
lostresamigonsonline.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

#5 PABLO'S OLD TOWN
Famous for its tortas and other Mexican

specialties
311 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 372-0887, pablosoldtown.com
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

TOP 5 NEW RESTAURANT

#1 LANSING BREWING CO.
Home of the Angry Mayor IPA, Lansing Brewing Co. has become a downtown Lansing hotspot.
518 E Shiawassee St., Lansing
(517) 371-2600
lansingbrewingcompany.com
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-10 p.m. Sunday.

#2 THE CREOLE
The Creole specializes in classic cocktails with old-school preparation styles
1218 Turner St., Lansing

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(517) 371-1361, thecreolelansing.com
11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

#3 SADDLEBACK BBQ

Craft barbecue joint located in Lansing's REO Town
5660 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
(517) 323-7320
tequilacowboy.com/lansing
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 TEQUILA COWBOY

Country Western joint with frequent concerts located in the Lansing Mall.
107-109 E. Allegan St., Lansing.
(517) 316-0066
lostresamigonsonline.com
11 a.m.-midnight Monday-Tuesday; 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#5 OLD NATION BREWING COMPANY

A Williamston brewery and brewpub offering craft beers and food
1500 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston
(517) 655-1301, oldnationbrewing.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight Friday; 9 a.m.-midnight Saturday; 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

TOP 4 PIZZA**#1 DELUCA'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA**

Family-owned Italian restaurant famous for its pizza
2006 W. Willow St., Lansing
(517) 487-6087, delucaspizza.com
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#2 COSMOS

Old Town pizzeria known for its adventurous pizzas and duck fat fries
611 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
(517) 897-3563, thecosmoslansing.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday

#3 PIZZA HOUSE

Restaurant specializing in deep dish pizzas, with other Italian fare as well
4790 S Hagadorn Road, Suites 114-116, East Lansing
(517) 336-0033, pizzahouse.com
10:30 a.m.-4 a.m. daily

#4 CUGINO'S

Grand Ledge eatery known for its classic Italian cuisine and generous portions
306 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge
(517) 627-4048, cuginosmenu.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; closed Sunday

TOP FIVE SANDWICH**#1 JERSEY GIANT**

Lansing-based chain specializing in giant sub sandwiches
(See web site for more locations)
3700 W. Saginaw St., Lansing
(517) 323-6800, jerseygiantsubs.com
10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

#2 SOUP SPOON CAFE

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

#3 JIMMY JOHNS

Sandwich chain known for its "freaky fast" service and delivery
(See web site for more locations)
134 S. Washington Square, Lansing
(517) 485-3300, jimmyjohns.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Thursday-Saturday

#4 SAMUEL MANCINO'S ITALIAN EATERY

Sandwich shop known for its baked grinders
401 N. Clippert St., Suite B, Lansing
(517) 351-7492, mancinosoffrandor.com
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#5 FRANDOR DELI

Deli with large selection of subs that also serves Mexican food and pizza
300 N Clippert St #8, Lansing,
(517) 351-9342, Frandordelilansingmi.com
8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; closed Sunday

TOP FIVE SEAFOOD**#1 MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET**

City Pulse readers love its fresh fish, flown in daily
2975 Preyde Blvd., Lansing.
(517) 482-3474
mitchellsfishmarket.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday

#2 RED LOBSTER

Chain restaurant known for its seafood options and Cheddar Bay Biscuits
3130 E. Saginaw St., Lansing
(517) 351-0610
redlobster.com
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#3 MARU SUSHI & GRILL (OKEMOS)

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#4 CAPITAL PRIME

Upscale surf and turf restaurant with contemporary ambiance
2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing.
(517) 377-7463
capitalprimelansing.com
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday

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(517) 316-2377
 soupspooncafe.com
 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday

TOP FIVE STEAK

#1 CAPITAL PRIME

Upscale surf and turf restaurant with contemporary ambiance
 2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing.
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#2 TEXAS ROADHOUSE

City Pulse readers love the steaks and service at this casual steakhouse
 280 E. Edgewood Blvd, Lansing
 (517) 887-8181
 texasroadhouse.com
 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 4 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

#3 KNIGHT CAP

One of Lansing's oldest restaurants, re-opened last year with revamped menu and upscale interior
 320 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
 (517) 484-7676
 knightcap.com
 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 4 p.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; closed Sunday

#4 OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

Australian-themed steakhouse famous for its Bloomin' Onion
 707 Brookside, Lansing
 (517) 321-3100
 outback.com
 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9p.m. Sunday

#5 LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

City Pulse readers recommend the bacon-wrapped sirloin and parmesan-crusted asparagus at this chain steakhouse
 5796 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing
 (517) 703-9041
 longhornsteakhouse.com
 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

TOP FIVE SUSHI

#1 MARU SUSHI AND GRILL

High quality sushi, upscale atmosphere
 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos
 (517) 349-7500, marurestaurant.com
 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 4-9:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

#2 SANSU

City Pulse readers love Sansu's value, serving quality sushi at good prices
 4750 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing
 (517) 333-1933, sansu-sushi.com
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Sushi bar and hibachi grill, known for entertaining hibachi chefs
754 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing
(517) 853-8888, iloveukai.com
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday

#4 AI FUSION

Known for creative sushi rolls and good service
2827 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing
(517) 853-3700, ai-fusion.com
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon-11 p.m. Sunday

#5 SUSHI MOTO

Cozy west side restaurant known for its fresh sushi
436 Elmwood Road, Lansing
(517) 580-4321, sushimoto.us
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; Noon-9 p.m. Sunday

TOP FIVE UPSCALE DINING**#1 CAPITAL PRIME**

Upscale surf and turf restaurant with contemporary ambiance
2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing.
(517) 377-7463, capitalprimelansing.com
4-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 2-11 p.m. Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday

#2 ENGLISH INN

Fine dining restaurant known for its gor-

geous location on the Grand River
677 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids
(517) 663-2500, englishinn.com
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 5-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 5-10 p.m. Friday; 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday; 1-7 p.m. Sunday

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#5 DUSTY'S CELLAR

Known for its gourmet options and extensive wine list
1839 Grand River Ave., Okemos.
(517) 349-8680, dustyscellar.com
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

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#2 RED HAVEN

Upscale farm-to-table restaurant featuring adventurous cuisine and sleek design
4480 Hagadorn Road, Suite 103
(517) 679-6309, eatredhaven.com
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday

#3 BETTER HEALTH

Grocery store with wide selection of organic and gluten-free products and a cafe.
305 N. Clippert St., Lansing
(517) 332-6892, thebetterhealthstore.com
9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday

#4 ALTU'S ETHIOPIAN CUISINE

Low-key, independently owned outpost for traditional Ethiopian fare & combo meals, plus smoothies.
1312 Michigan Ave., East Lansing
(517) 333-6295, eatataltus.com
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4:30-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, closed Sunday-Monday.

#5 ALADDIN'S RESTAURANT

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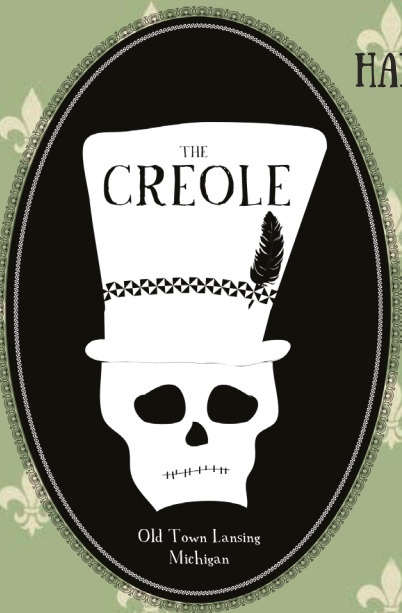
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