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Feedback

Input on housing needed

"Your voice counts!"

That's the message being spread by the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition as they seek input on the housing needs of Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. The effort is a critical part for development of a regional fair and affordable housing plan, a component of the Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability. The Greater Lansing Housing Coalition is facilitating the initiative to address all aspects of housing in the tri-county region.

The region must evaluate and plan for expected housing needs. Some provocative trends that are quickly becoming more evident, include:

- A booming aging population that wants to either age-in-place or find smaller, better connected and accessible housing;
- Families who need affordable rental and owner-occupied housing;
- Younger workers who desire housing close to work and entertainment venues; and
- People with special needs and disabilities who need affordable, barrier-free housing.

The housing collapse of 2007 did much to increase these challenges, making the need for more affordable housing choices even more significant.

The Housing Plan, due for completion in late 2014, will provide direction on the appropriate stabilization of existing neighborhoods. This ensures that previous investments are used and maintained, while reducing the pressures of sprawl. Safeguarding existing housing stock – both owner occupied and rental – is the best use of the community's limited resources.

Additionally, the housing plan will identify barriers that people experience in finding needed housing. These barriers can include factors such as lack of income and jobs, lack of or poor credit access, discrimination, shortage of barrier-free housing, and limited housing choices.

The Greater Lansing Housing Coalition knows that area residents are most aware of existing needs and barriers as well as potential solutions and opportunities. We encourage all interested community members to attend one of a series of community engagement meetings taking place throughout Ingham County.

The Housing Plan will provide guidance

and direction to our elected and appointed officials in the urban and rural communities throughout the three counties. Changes to our housing access and choices will be recommended in the plan, as well as strategies on how we should locate and pay for better housing access and choice. If you have ideas about Mid-Michigan's housing, now is the time to join the conversation. Come to one of the meetings and make your voice count!

For more information on the Housing Plan and the other initiatives of the Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability, visit mid-michigansustainability.org or call 372-5980.

— **Katherine Draper**
Executive director, Greater Lansing Housing Coalition

MSU sports and Brown Clarke

Your article about Judi Brown Clarke said that she joined the track team because "MSU didn't field a volleyball team back then." Actually MSU started their women's varsity track and volleyball programs at just about the same time, in the mid 1970's, several years before Judi enrolled. At that time, the Big Ten and the NCAA did not sanction women's sports, so the governing body for all MSU women's sports was the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). In 1975 and 1976, the Spartans had great volleyball teams that competed in the AIAW national championships. In 1981-82, by which time Judi was an MSU student-athlete, the NCAA and Big Ten began their own women's sports efforts, and MSU (along with most other schools) switched their volleyball, track and other women's sports away from the AIAW.

— **Chris Wolf**
East Lansing

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CITY PULSE NEWSMAKERS, NOV. 18: The latest episode of "City Pulse Newsmakers" is available online featuring state Reps. Andy Schor, D-Lansing, and Sam Singh, D-East Lansing. The legislators recap this session, focusing on marijuana, the Court of Claims, higher education and transportation funding.

THIS WEEK FROM CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE, NOV. 15: Topics include trouble for Michigan forests, drops in the number of juveniles sent to "schools for crime," expanding Internet access in rural areas and more.

NOTES FROM NEIL, NOV. 14: This week, Neil Rajala, director of community and business services for Schuler Books, reviews a biography of Sioux warrior Red Cloud, poetry from Garrison Keillor and more.

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Local senator fears Lansing gay club's fully nude dancing could be beginning of end of tourism industry



Temple Club building becomes home base for Lansing Makers club



Organic: How to localize your Thanksgiving feast



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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

WITH THE ROLLOUT IN CHAOS, THE G.O.P. UNVEILS... REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVES TO OBAMACARE	HAVE FAITH IN GOD. IF YOU GET SICK--IT WAS MEANT TO BE!	HAVE FAITH IN THE MARKET. IF YOU GET INSURANCE--IT WAS MEANT TO BE!	BE SELF-RELIANT. ACCORDING TO WEB M.D., MY APPENDIX SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT HERE!
USE THE EMERGENCY ROOM. IF YOU GIVE A FAKE NAME--IT'S FREE!	TRADE LIVESTOCK FOR MEDICAL CARE. IT WORKED FOR OUR GRANDPARENTS!	MARRY SOMEONE WITH INSURANCE. GOLDMAN SACHS HAS AN EXCELLENT PLAN!	LIVE IN DENIAL. GLOBAL WARMING IS A MYTH! JUST LIKE THIS LUMP ON MY NECK.
CHANGE THE SUBJECT. NEVERMIND HEALTH CARE--HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE BENGHAZI SCANDAL?	GET A JOB. IN AMERICA HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON EMPLOYMENT--AS GOD INTENDED!	SUPPORT TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY. THEN HEALTH CARE WILL TRICKLE DOWN FOR EVERYONE!	SELL YOUR INTERNET STARTUP FOR BILLIONS & TRANSFER YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS INTO AN INDESTRUCTIBLE ROBOT BODY.
BE ASPIRATIONAL. I DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE NOW--	TREAT HEALTH CARE LIKE ANY OTHER COMMODITY. YOU DON'T EXPECT THE GOVERNMENT TO GUARANTEE YOU A CADILLAC, DO YOU?	INHABIT A MAGICAL REALM WHERE NO ONE EVER GETS SICK. MY BEST FRIEND IS AN INVISIBLE UNICORN!	IF YOU GET SICK, DIE. IT'S EASIER FOR EVERYONE.
--BUT IF I EVER GET IT, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT BECAUSE OF OBAMACARE!	AND WHO DOESN'T WANT A CADILLAC?	HE POOPS RAIN-BOWS!	EXCEPT YOU, BUT YOU'LL BE DEAD.

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NEWS & OPINION

'The president's been shot'

Local, statewide officials recall Nov. 22, 1963, the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated

"The president's been shot."

No words could be more succinct and terrifying at the same time.

And those exact words were the first that most of us of a certain age heard that Friday afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963. Even today, they still have the power to launch a tragic cinema verite of where we were and what we were doing that fateful day.

Some heard those words from a crackling intercom box while sitting in a classroom — incredibly impersonal by today's standards, but, then again, it's more likely now we would've learned by a tweet. I heard the news first from my 10th grade homeroom nun. When you see a nun with a tear on her cheek, you instinctively knew something was terribly wrong.

Former Lansing Mayor David Hollister was coming out of Morrill Hall at Michigan State University when he heard the news.

"I knew something big was going on," he said. "Students were milling around and crying and someone shouted, 'The president's been shot.'"

Hollister immediately ran across the street to Campus Book Store where he worked and began the television odyssey that gripped the nation.

"There was a terrible sense of loss and

it was a real blow. We watched that little black and white (TV) set and hung on every word.

"What we really lost ultimately was the enthusiasm for public service which Kennedy had created," he said.

When Doug Roberts, director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at MSU and then a high school junior in Maryland, heard the news from his principal over the intercom he reacted instinctively. "I flew from my chair — I was gone."

Roberts' father, Emory P. Roberts, was a member of the Secret Service detail and had accompanied the president to Texas.

The young Roberts used the hall pay phone to call his mother and still remembers his first desperate question: "Is dad okay?" His mom never faltered and told him "he was fine," even though later she admitted that at the time she had no idea.

Roberts remembers his dad coming home that evening and typing up his report on the assassination.

"I was the first person to read that report," he said. Roberts and his mother and brother also were at the White House the day of the funeral and he recalls seeing a "tall" French Republic President Charles de Gaulle and Ethiopia's Haile Selassie with a "chest full of medals."

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, who was in eighth grade in Alma at the time of the assassination, said she was walking to band class and vividly remembers someone saying the "president has been shot." She recalls telling her fellow band mate "that's not so funny."

Moments later, the band director would make the same announcement and ask for a moment of silence.

"Everyone was stunned into silence and there were a lot of tears, including mine," she said.

There were those who, when hearing the news of the president's death, began thinking about the who and why. Was it the Russians, the Cubans, white supremacists, anti-Catholics? The list of conspirators and who killed Kennedy dogs us until this day.

Joe Darden, an MSU geography professor, said he was 20 years old and in his second year at the University of Pittsburg when he heard the news.

"I was not only shocked and sad, I was also afraid that Kennedy's death was by a white supremacist who shot him because of his efforts to advance civil rights," Darden said.

Newsmen across the coun-



Photo courtesy of Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections

John F. Kennedy campaigning at Michigan State University on Oct. 14, 1960. MSU Alumni Association Magazine estimated that 12,000 greeted Kennedy before his speech here at the Union building.

try immediately jumped into action and coverage of the assassination would continue almost non-stop through the Monday funeral.

Jerry Crandall, who would later have a distinguished career in public service working for Gov. John Engler, was taking a nap when he got a phone call from his employer, WKHM-AM in Jackson.

"I was sound asleep and the first words I hear are 'the president's been shot,'" he said.

He high-tailed it into work and was one of many newsmen who gave updates every 15 minutes and at 6:15 p.m. he hosted his daily call-in show.

Former Lansing State Journal staffer Curt Hanes said a group of writers was coming back from a late lunch at Tarpoff's restaurant when they got the news. He said the editor called everyone together and handed out assignments.

"We were stunned," he said.

He remembers the silence of the newsroom punctuated by the wire service alarms, which by now were going off with some regularity.

Hanes was assigned to write an article about the last time Kennedy was in Lansing — Oct. 14, 1960 — when his whistlestop campaign made stops in Lansing and at MSU. Using mostly content from the morgue, Hanes wrote a 16-and-a-half-inch story for the next day's edition.

He said although newsroom legend differs about who got to make the call (likely Hal Fildey, the executive editor), an editor

called downstairs to the press room already printing that day's afternoon newspaper to shout over the phone, "Stop the Presses." And that they did. A late Lansing State Journal carried the headline "Kennedy Is Slain" in 72-point type size.

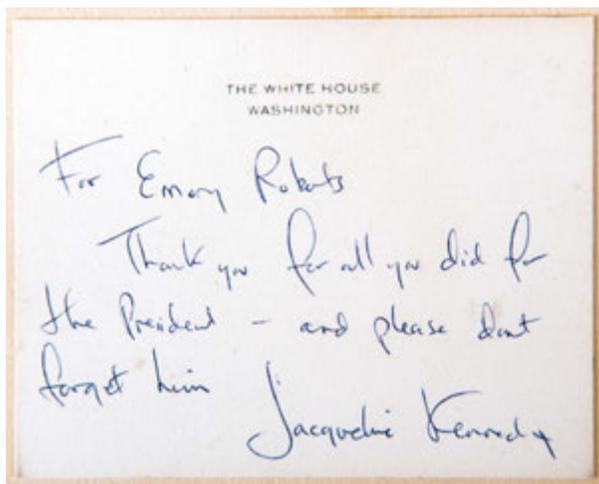
Former Gov. James Blanchard learned while in class when his professor told the class: "There is some bad news — a report the president was shot."

"I ran from Berkey Hall to my fraternity house (one block away at 139 Bailey St.) where I learned the president was dead." Until that time, everyone on campus had been in reverie for the upcoming Saturday football game with the University of Illinois. The winner would go to the Rose Bowl.

Blanchard said later that day he drove to Detroit Metro Airport to pick up a friend who was going to join him at the game. "I cried all the way," he said.

Ultimately, the Saturday day game was cancelled, but initially MSU was among the teams that had decided not to cancel its Saturday games. On Saturday, only a couple of hours before kickoff with tens of thousands of fans (me included) already in town for the game, former MSU President John Hannah would cancel the game against the wishes of his Irish football

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Courtesy photo

A letter from Jacqueline Kennedy to Emory P. Roberts thanking him for his service in Dallas as a Secret Service agent when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Roberts' son, Doug, is director of MSU's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research and recalls reading the first draft of his father's report on the assassination.

"Eye Candy of the Week," our weekly look at some of the nicer properties in Lansing, will return next week. If you have a suggestion, please e-mail eye@lansingcitypulse.com or call Andy Balaskovitz at 999-5064.

Kennedy

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coach, Duffy Daugherty. Rescheduled for Thanksgiving Day, MSU would lose to a Dick Butkus-led team and Daugherty, who wanted to play the game Saturday in memory of Kennedy, quietly attributed the loss to the change of date.

Blanchard is among the legions of Kennedy admirers who were drawn to public service by the youthful and energetic president.

"I was already politically inclined and he inspired me and millions to go into public service," Blanchard said.

Blanchard, as president of the Senior Class Council, had already invited Kennedy to be graduation speaker in spring 1964. When word of that

reached Hannah, he was not happy and arranged a meeting on Nov. 22 with Blanchard and other members of the Council. He politely told them he would take it under consideration.

On the Saturday after the assassination, Blanchard said he received a letter from Hannah respectfully stating that another speaker had been selected and that they would consider some student involvement next year. Blanchard still has that letter in his personal keepsakes.

Former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley was in the second year of his 37-year reign when he accompanied then-Gov. John Swainson on a Kennedy barnstorming swing to promote Swainson's reelection in 1962.

"He was the most impressive person I ever met, bar none," Kelley said of the

president. "He was the personification of our Irish American Prince and Irish people greatly admired him because we knew that public service would keep us free."

Kelley said he was doing his daily swim in the downtown Lansing YMCA on Nov. 22 when his deputy director Leon Cohen ran into the pool area shouting, "President Kennedy's been shot."

Shortly after things had settled down in Washington, Secret Service agent Roberts received a note from Jacqueline Kennedy that read: "Thanks for everything you did. Please don't forget him."

It's clear he has not been forgotten.

— Bill Castanier



Puritan Michigan

Local senator fears Lansing gay club's fully nude dancing could be beginning of end of tourism industry. City officials play catch-up with court decision.

State Sen. Rick Jones isn't exactly getting a warm reception locally to his claim that fully nude bars that serve alcohol would tarnish the state's tourism industry.

Jones, a Grand Ledge Republican, said as much last week in reaction to a local

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF CITYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY NEEDS HEARING

TO: Citizens of the City of Lansing

FROM: Virg Bernero, Mayor

PURPOSE: To encourage citizen participation at public hearings and to allow citizens an opportunity to provide input and indicate needs, views and proposals for:

- Housing and non-housing community development needs within the City of Lansing relevant to preparation of the City's Annual Action Plan Submission, FY 2014 - 2015 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships formula programs and ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant)
- The use of CDBG, HOME and ESG Program funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 commencing July 1, 2014.

RESULTS: Recommendations affecting the City's Consolidated Plan and the proposed use of CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council.

This is an opportunity for concerned citizens and neighborhood organizations to participate in the planning process and influence future programming and use of Federal program funds in Lansing.

PLACE: Lansing Planning Board Meeting
Neighborhood Empowerment Center
600 W. Maple
Lansing, Michigan 48915

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2013

If you cannot attend the hearing and wish to submit comments, or if you have questions about the public hearing, please contact Doris Witherspoon, Senior Planner of the City of Lansing Planning/Development Office, 316 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI, doris.witherspoon@lansingmi.gov, (517) 483-4063.

Please note that identifying housing and community development needs in the Lansing area is a community effort and public participation is strongly encouraged.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONSOLIDATED STRATEGY AND PLAN SUBMISSION ACTION PLAN, 2015 (7/1/2014- 6/30/2015) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

2013

- Community Meetings
September-November
- Publish Notice of Public Hearing on housing needs, priority nonhousing CD needs, use of Federal formula program funds, Community meetings
Week of October 14
- Public Hearing on housing needs,
December 3

priority nonhousing CD needs, use of Federal formula program funds.

- Publish notice of public hearing on Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for Federal formula Programs for FY 2015.
Week of December 16

2014

- Public Hearing on Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for Federal formula programs at Planning Board.
February 4
- Recommendation by Planning Board on the proposed program objectives and projected use of Federal formula program funds.
End of February
- Publish summary of proposed Consolidated Strategy and Plan Submission (CSPS) for FY 2015 and invite written public comments.
March-April
- Transmit proposed CSPS to Mayor.
End of March
- Mayor Transmits proposed CSPS to City Council.
Beginning of April
- Public Hearing on proposed CSPS at City Council
April 14
- Prepare and submit the Tier I Environmental Review for CDBG/HOME Activities. (ESG - Part 50)
May 1
- ERR - Complete Request Release of Funds (RROF, 7105.15) Forms, gather Mayor's signature on forms, submit forms including Form 7 to HUD
May 1- May 15
- Prepare the ERR notebook for the ER 39th Year
May 1- May 30
- Approval of CSPS by City Council
No Later Than May 5
- Deadline for submission of CSPS to HUD
May 14
- CAPER -Start preparing and collecting data for the end-of-the-year report from grantees, staff, etc.
May 16 - August 31
- Publish Notice of Availability of CAPER (15-day comment period)
Week of September 1
- Input IDIS reporting information
Week of September 1
- Submit the CAPER to HUD
September 30, 2014

NOTE: The above schedule is tentative and is meant to serve as a general guide. Appropriate notifications will be made to establish exact dates, times and locations of public hearings to obtain citizen input.

Spiral

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nightclub that threw a party with four fully nude dancers to celebrate its 15th anniversary. The party happened due to a federal court ruling in December 2012 that said the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's permitting process for topless activity was unconstitutional and a violation of the First Amendment.

Spiral Video and Dance Bar appears to be the first bar in Lansing that serves alcohol and features fully nude dancers, albeit for special occasions outside of its regular entertainment.

"We spend a great deal of money wanting to be known as 'Pure Michigan' where you take your family on vacation," Jones said in an interview last week. "This certainly hurts that image."

Jones is not against topless bars, he said, but he's interested in keeping the "status quo" of keeping booze out of fully nude bars. He's seeking statewide legislation that would do so. Federal Judge David Lawson last year ruled that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's permitting process for topless activities violated the First Amendment. Legal experts are keeping a close eye on such potential legislation, as it would have to be narrowly defined so it, too, would be constitutional.

Elsewhere in Lansing, Déjà Vu show-cases fully nude dancing but does not serve alcohol. Omar's Show Bar in the Stadium District serves alcohol but only features topless dancing.

Several people interviewed for this story either disagreed with Jones or were skeptical of his logic.

"The reality is, if someone wants to go to a strip club that serves alcohol, whether it's fully nude or just topless, I don't know if there's that big of a difference in terms of attracting people to Michigan or not," said state Rep. Andy Schor, D-Lansing. Moreover, Schor finds it "strange" that Jones is suggesting topless bars can be part of "Pure Michigan," but bottomless ones can't. "I don't think it's going to make a difference either way," he said.

Brad Shafer, a local attorney specializing in First Amendment issues, added that "many of the people who do come here for tourism and conventions want that type of entertainment."

He pointed to the city of Atlanta, which as recently as June reportedly held a contentious City Council vote that would have banned strip clubs in certain areas of the city. The Council voted the proposal down. "There was such a backlash from the business community. If there wasn't a market for that type of entertainment, places wouldn't exist in the first place."

"Whether politicians like it or not, that type of entertainment has First Amendment protections."

Michael Brown, a Lansing attorney specializing in liquor control law, said of Jones: "It's an interesting claim. I guess I'll leave it at that. I don't know that this industry is responsible for much of an impact on tourism one way or the other."

Brown said it's "hard to say" what form

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Planning Commission on **Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 2, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine for a Special Use Permit for a Class C liquor license (with Sunday Sales) to sell beer, wine and spirits in the Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine Restaurant at 1312 Michigan Avenue. The property is zoned B-2, Retail Sales Business District.
2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from 246 Equities, LLC for a modified Site Plan and Special Use Permit for the property at 246 East Saginaw Street. The proposed application would modify the restaurant and apartment layout that was previously approved and provide space for outdoor dining for the restaurant. The property is zoned in the B-2, Retail Sales Business District.
3. A public hearing will be held to consider Ordinance 1313; a City initiated ordinance to amend sections 50-4, 50-6, 50-7, 50-33, 50-37, 50-38, 50-572, 50-592, 50-632, 50-673 and 50-755 of Chapter 50 – Zoning – of the Code of the City of East Lansing to make updates and corrections.

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

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

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Thursday, January 30, 2014 • 7 pm

The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (new edition) by F.E. Peters

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 • 7 pm

Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction by Jonathan A.C. Brown

Thursday, February 27, 2014 • 7 pm

The Story of the Qur'an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life by Ingrid Mattson

Thursday, March 13, 2014 • 7 pm

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a new state statute could take. "When the First Amendment is involved, obviously it has to be drafted very narrowly in order to pass constitutional muster, as they say."

Whether bars can offer fully nude entertainment and serve alcohol varies by state, Brown and Shafer said.

Jack Schripsema, president of the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau, declined to comment specifically on Jones' claims. "Certainly the reputation and image of the city as being family

friendly is very important to us," he said.

Meanwhile, city officials are still reviewing what Lawson's December 2012 ruling means for local rules related to fully nude entertainment.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said last week: "I don't know if there are any answers right now for any of this."

City Attorney Janene McIntyre said a local ordinance that allowed the city to request an establishment's liquor license be revoked if it featured fully nude entertainers would have to be modified after Lawson's ruling. However, local zoning could still restrict where such activities take place within the city, she said.

The city's zoning ordinance related

to adult businesses restricts them from being within 1,000 feet of each other or 300 feet from residentially zoned property, schools, libraries, parks, playgrounds, day care centers or churches. McIntyre could not say on Monday whether Spiral would be restricted from hosting those events based on zoning.

McIntyre's staff is preparing an opinion for the City Council on ways it could potentially regulate nude entertainment.

It's likely not going to happen this year, though, City Council President Carol Wood said Monday, as the Council winds down in the final month of its 2013 legislative session.

While Wood recalled an incident several years ago when the Silver Dollar Saloon was still open on Lansing's east side near Frandor that required the Lansing Police Department to send in "special ops" to monitor activity there, "Some of what they were doing was not legal," she said. As opposed to Spiral, which McIntyre said "had a legal right to hold their event."

At City Hall, any talk of potential regulations is in beginning stages. Wood declined to comment on Jones' position that it could hurt tourism here, but at least one other Councilwoman was more pointed.

"It obviously hasn't hurt businesses in this town," At-Large Councilwoman Kathie Dunbar said. "Why do you think so many people come to the Lansing Center for convention business? One of the key attractions, I've been told, is Omar's."

— Andy Balaskovitz



Political notes from around town

Washington: voters "uneducated"

Lansing City Councilwoman Jody Washington's post-election Facebook reaction raised some eyebrows by characterizing "many voters" in this year's city election as "uneducated." While lamenting that only 17 percent of registered voters turned out (a typically low turnout for a city election),

Washington added that "unfortunately, many of those that do vote are totally uneducated as to the issues and the candidates; but, at least they vote."

The apparent diss of voters registered 24 "likes," but it also generated some heated commentary, including counter-criticisms from 2011 Council candidate Thomas Stewart and environmental advocate Julie Powers.

Washington, a member of the "anti-Berbero" City Council faction (though she consistently denies being part of any faction), supported Canfora and At-Large Councilman Brian Jeffries in the election. Both lost.

Transparency in campaign money ... or not

Republican Secretary of State Ruth Johnson appears to have worked with legislative Republicans to favor more open government while avoiding the consequences.

Johnson held a telephone news conference on a proposed administrative rule to require political committees that fund issue ads to disclose donors. Such independent committees can spend unlimited sums secretly. In last year's state Supreme Court race, the Michigan Campaign Finance Network reported that 75 percent of campaign-style candidate ads were "off the

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STATE OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of: Hawley, Shawnee Estates Branch Drain (H46-01)

ORDER OF ABANDONMENT OF PETITION

A Petition for Cleaning Out, Relocating, Widening, Deepening, Straightening, Tiling, Extending, or Relocating Along a Highway for a County Drain having been filed by Vevay Township as authorized by its governing body on April 7, 1997; and

A Final Order of Determination having been signed by the Deputy Drain Commissioner on August 17, 1998, but no contract having been let for the construction of the petitioned project;

It is Hereby Ordered and Determined that, pursuant to Section 221 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, MCL 280.221, the Petition dated April 7, 1997, is deemed abandoned, the Final Order of Determination dated August 17, 1998, is nullified and shall have no effect, and no further action shall be taken to construct the drain pursuant to said Petition.

Dated: November 12, 2013

Patrick E. Lindemann
Ingham County Drain Commissioner

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On November 8, 2013, the following minutes of the proceedings of the Meridian Township Board were sent for posting in the following locations:

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October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting

ELIZABETH LEGOFF
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TOWNSHIP CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN LEGAL NOTICE Human Relations Ordinance Ordinance No. 2013-07

Date passed:
Nature of the ordinance:

November 7, 2013
A request to amend the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, Chapter 30, Articles I and II and add Articles III through VIII. The Meridian Township's Fair Housing Ordinance is being expanded and renamed the Human Relations Ordinance, amending the complaint process and covering additional groups against discrimination in employment, public accommodations and housing as follows:

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books.”

The move towards campaign transparency brought some praise to Johnson. But even as she was talking with reporters, a state Senate committee was amending a campaign finance bill to overturn her “decision.” Some Democrats suspect Johnson knew in advance the Senate would make her decision meaningless.

The Senate bill also doubles the amount of money that can be donated to state political campaigns, apparently because there simply isn’t enough big money in Michigan politics. Within hours of the committee’s approval, the measure passed the full Senate on a 20-18 vote, with six Republicans joining all 12 Democrats in opposition.

Rep. Andy Schor, D-Lansing, has introduced a bill to require full disclosure in line with the Johnson initiative. Despite the Senate vote in the other direction, he expects the House Elections Committee to take up his bill after Thanksgiving, noting that “the House and Senate R’s are not always on the same page.”

Chamber against issue-ad disclosure

Meanwhile, the head of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce is actively campaigning against requiring the funders of issues ads to be revealed. In a series of Twitter posts over the weekend, Rich Studley contended that disclosure amounts to an infringement on free speech, tweeting that “Mich Sec of State’s plan to force unions or biz groups that run issue ads to disclose members & donors opens door to political retaliation.” The Chamber spends millions on “issue ads” that are thinly veiled campaign ads on behalf of Chamber-endorsed candidates. It also funnels millions in anonymous political contributions to other committees, including \$5.4 million transferred to the Republican Governors Association in 2010. The RGA

then gave \$5.3 million to the Michigan Republican Party.

Which Dem will take on Rogers?

Encouraged by recent polling, national Democrats are looking for a candidate to challenge U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, next year. Rogers was easily reelected last year, winning 59 percent of the vote over Lansing educator Lance Enderle. The 8th Congressional District has a Republican edge — Mitt Romney beat President Obama there 51 percent to 48 percent. Rogers spent \$1.7 million in the 2012 campaign, while Enderle’s budget was a miserly \$57,000. And Rogers goes into 2014 with more than \$1.8 million in the campaign bank account.

Even though Rogers has never had a close reelection race, a post-government-shutdown poll from Public Policy Polling showed him trailing a generic Democrat 47 percent to 44 percent.

Two groups, MoveOn.org and BoldProgressives.org, are surveying Democrats about possible candidates who could be recruited. The focus will likely be on a candidate who would run well in Oakland County, which is the largest piece of the sprawling 8th District. But, thanks to the gerrymandered district map, the most prominent Oakland Democrats live outside the district. They include county clerk and former state Rep. Lisa Brown and state House Democratic Leader Tim Greimel. They would have to move a few miles to challenge the seven-term incumbent. The name from Ingham County heard most is state Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, but Singh said he is “focused as House Democratic Finance Chair to rebuild(ing) a majority in the state House” in 2014. Enderle, who lost to Rogers in 2010 and 2012, said he has made no decisions about 2014. He added that he wants the strongest possible candidate to take on Rogers, even if that is not him. Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing flirted with a possible candidacy earlier this year, but he says now he will not run.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LANSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Z-7-2013, 5035 S. M.L. King Blvd.
Rezoning from E-2 Local Shopping District to “F” Commercial District

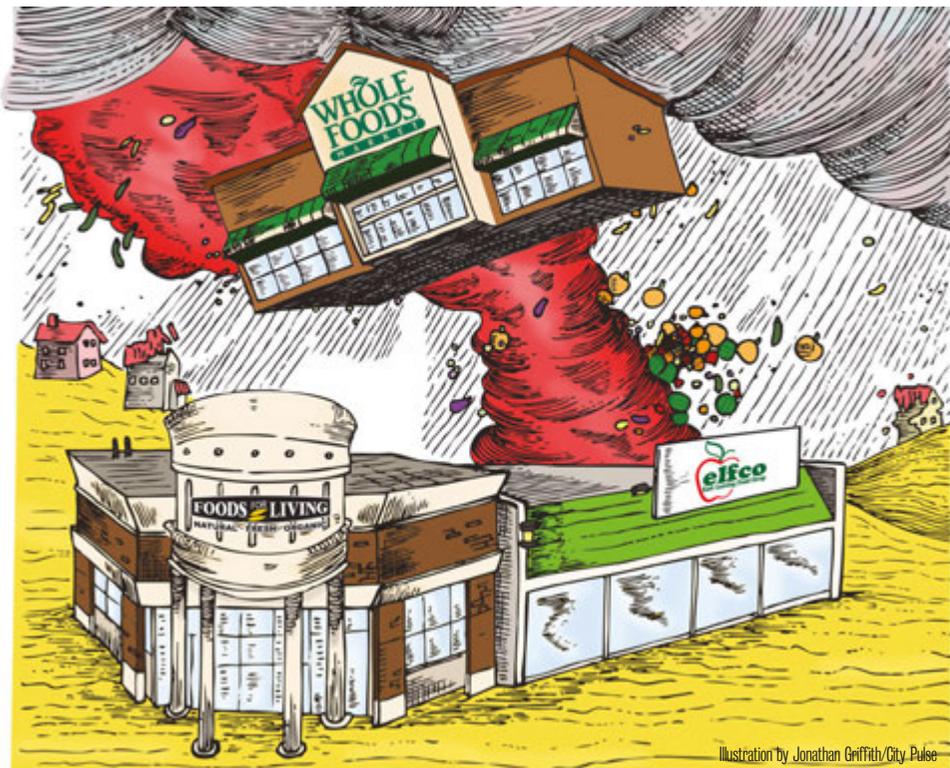
The Lansing Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., Neighborhood Empowerment Center Conference Room, 600 W. Maple St. (Corner of W. Maple and N. Pine Streets) to consider Z-7-2013. This is a request by Greg Lentz to rezone the property at 5035 S. M.L. King Blvd., legally described as:

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from “E-2” Local Shopping District to “F” Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to vehicle dealership at this location.

If you are interested in this matter, please attend the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on city business days if received before 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at the Lansing Planning Office, Dept. of Planning and Neighborhood Development, Suite D-1, 316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-1236. For more information, call Susan Stachowiak at 517-483-4085.

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Bracing for Whole Foods

If history is any indication, small-scale natural-foods grocer and co-op can expect a hit from Whole Foods

By ANDY MCGLASHEN

Dave Finet is a really nice guy. His laid-back style and demeanor make him a natural fit as general manager of the East Lansing Food Co-op, or ELFCO. When a City Pulse reporter visited on a recent Friday, Finet — ponytailed, bearded and bespectacled — was dressed in faded jeans and a Victory Motorcycles t-shirt.

“We’re not solely selling food,” he explained, as the scent of fresh-made peanut butter wafted into his cramped office. “We’re trying to build community.”

Finet is pretty much Mr. Co-op. He’s been involved in other cooperative groceries, along with a cooperative vegetarian restaurant, a cooperative taxi company and a cooperative bakery. (“Best job I ever had,” he said.)

He’s going to need that experience, and maybe a little luck. Contrary as it may be to his easygoing nature, it’s time for Finet to get tough. Whole Foods is coming to town.

Over the summer, the world’s largest retailer of natural and organic foods announced plans to open its seventh Michigan location in 2015, a 35,000-square-foot store in Meridian Township, near Grand River Avenue and Park Lake Road. Assuming the plans go forward — they still need township approval — ELFCO and the nearby natural grocer Foods For Living are in for some real pain. But experts say the local shops’ strong community roots and loyal customers should be enough to keep them afloat.

“There’s no reason East Lansing’s co-op shouldn’t survive this,” said C.E. Pugh, chief operating officer for the National Cooperative Grocers Association.

“That said, it’ll be tough,” he added. “We’ve always seen a little bit of an impact on our members. That could range from a 5 percent decline in sales to, in the most egregious cases, a 30 percent decline. So there’s no question there’s going to be a decline in sales. But in every case, those sales come back within a year of the Whole Foods opening. You take that hit, you’re down a year and you’re back. They don’t kill you, they just take away your growth for a while.”

Pugh, who has visited ELFCO before, said the store’s modest size and lack of visibility from Grand River Avenue make it particularly vulnerable. The co-op should be preparing for at least a 20 percent dip in sales, he said. A similar scenario played out in Ann Arbor two decades ago.

LOCAL ROOTS

Unlike a typical grocery store, ELFCO is consumer-owned and does not seek to make a profit. Instead, its purpose is to serve its members and their community. Anyone can own a share in the co-op for \$60. The roughly 3,500 shareholders get occasional discounts, a vote in major decisions about the store and, in a good year, a rebate check based on

how much they spend at ELFCO.

The co-op, which has 14 employees, recently added rooftop solar panels and created a meeting space where local groups can gather for free. ELFCO also helps manage a community garden beside its store, along with other efforts to expand access to nutritious food.

Foods For Living, on the other hand, is a for-profit operation. But it’s also a longstanding, local and employee-owned business that, according to store owner John Snyder, contributes to more than 100 charities.

“My belief is when you build a company and you have dedicated people who help you do that, they should get a piece of the pie,” Snyder said. “Our idea of how to do business is we want to be as human as possible. We want to share profits with the people who are actually doing the work, and with the community.”

Whole Foods also is committed to supporting the communities where it does business, said spokesman Keith Stewart. The company gives 5 percent of its revenue to charity and each store holds community support days on which 5 percent of sales go to local organizations. There’s also a program allowing shoppers to donate their 10-cent refund for having a reusable bag.

Finet said that’s a different brand of community involvement than ELFCO practices.

“We and other co-ops exist to serve the needs of our customers, our owners and our community, and to do that in an ethically sound, environmentally sound manner,” Finet said. “That is an expense against the bottom line to chain stores that is, as far as I can tell, only necessary inasmuch as it provides marketing. I think they have a very different goal overall than ELFCO and other food co-ops have. I think that when you’re a corporation that has investors, you exist largely to provide a monetary return on investment.”

“I don’t know how many local folks are

heavily invested in Whole Foods, but a lot of money is going to go from our community down to Austin, Texas,” he said.

‘A JERK MOVE’

Whole Foods has come a long way since its first shop opened in 1980 with a staff of 19 in a former Austin nightclub. It’s now a Fortune 500 company with plans to open 1,000 locations nationwide. An October opening in Port Chester, N.Y. marked store No. 365.

The Whole Foods planned for Meridian Township will be directly across the road from ELFCO’s Northwind Drive store — the former site of Velocipede Peddler, which has a new location in Brookfield Plaza near Grand River and Hagadorn Road — and just a gluten-free scone’s throw from the corner of Grand River and Park Lake Road, where Foods For Living sits.

“I am amazed by the number of people who have already come in, folks who aren’t super co-op shoppers sometimes, and say they think that moving that close to us was — well the term somebody used was, it’s a jerk move,” Finet said.

Stewart said Whole Foods didn’t choose the building site to siphon customers from the other stores.

“A lot goes into the actual site selection,” he said. “That’s around population, ingress and egress and the ability to not throw off traffic patterns. We firmly believe there’s enough grocery business in the East Lansing market and the success of the Whole Foods market does not come to the detriment of any other food stores. The opportunity that we get in opening in a community is bringing a lot more attention to the natural foods category, so we hope that has a benefit for everybody. A local grocer probably doesn’t have much to worry about with Whole Foods coming to town.”

The plans Whole Foods submitted to the

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Courtesy Photo

A designer’s rendering of a planned 35,000-square-foot Whole Foods in Meridian Township. The proposed site is on Grand River Avenue near Foods for Living and the East Lansing Food Co-op.



Illustration by Rachel Harper/City Pulse

Whole Foods wants to open its seventh Michigan location by 2015. It would be located within a half-mile of natural grocer Foods for Living and the East Lansing Food Co-op.

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township call for turning the three-way traffic light at Grand River and Northwind into a four-way signal. That could help make the area surrounding the intersection into a destination for shoppers seeking organic foods from arrowroot to zucchini, Pugh, from the co-op association, said.

For some shoppers, Whole Foods might even act as a gateway drug to a full-blown natural foods habit.

"If I've grown up shopping at Kroger, going to a co-op might be a bit of a stretch," Pugh said. "What's easier for me is to make that step into Whole Foods. In most cases, adding Whole Foods to the market is good for business, long-term."

That's what Foods For Living is counting on.

"The draw that they have is going to expose people who maybe don't know we're here," said store manager Chris Faulkner. "Competition always sharpens everyone's game. We're pretty confident. We've been here for many, many years, and we're the local guy in town. We're just going to keep doing what we do best. Our strength is customer service, and I feel like that's going to carry us."

Finet likewise said he thinks ELFCO's values will continue to resonate with customers.

"Those shoppers who shop various locations including a co-op will tend to go and check out the new place," he said. "They'll get to see the difference and will largely come back to the co-op because there's a reason they were shopping here in the first place."

Of course, the entire discussion would be moot if Whole Foods doesn't get the necessary approval from Meridian Township.

The township planning commission met on Monday to gather public comment and begin discussing the plans Whole Foods submitted. The Planning Commission is scheduled to vote Monday on a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The earliest the board will decide on the plans is Dec. 10.

Township Supervisor Elizabeth LeGoff said that as an ELFCO member she has concerns about the store, but she thinks the township board will approve it.

Trustee Milton Scales said he thinks the store will be good for the community, and he's heard the same from residents.

"What I'm hearing from constituents is they can't wait until Whole Foods gets here," he said.

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

They might not come all the way back, if shoppers at the People's Food Co-op in Ann Arbor are any indication.

When Whole Foods first arrived in Ann Arbor in 1993, the co-op took a 25 percent sales hit. Another Whole Foods opened in 2008, adding to the strain on the co-op.

The co-op is in strong financial health, its latest annual report says, but its shoppers clearly split their spending between the co-op and the corporation.

"They bring their Whole Foods bags in," said cashier manager Alyssa Hughes.

Hughes said Whole Foods seems to have influenced co-op customers' ideas about the shopping experience.

"We get a lot of people who want to price compete, and we've never even advertised that we offer that," she said. "It's kind of complicated because we have downtown rent to pay, and we can't just be the cheapest store in town."

The co-op recently gave its employee training a makeover to focus on customer service, and made design updates to the store's interior.

"I'm not saying that's directly related to Whole Foods, but it's definitely influenced by the fact that people have other options," she said.

In Detroit, the widely publicized June opening of a Whole Foods has been hard on Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe, an upscale grocery store that opened just around the block in 2012.

Michael Solaka, who owns the store with his brother Peter, declined to share sales figures but said in an email, "The impact on our sales has been significant."

Goodrich-dämmerung

'Cutting edge organic market' ready to replace iconic store in Trowbridge Plaza, developer says

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO and ANDY BALASKOVITZ

A "cutting edge, organic market" is waiting in the wings to succeed Goodrich's Shop-Rite in Trowbridge Plaza, developer Kevin McGraw said Tuesday.

McGraw said the store, which he declined to name, "will be here long term and is very well financed."

He said it would pay from \$12 to \$15 dollars a square foot, the going rate for most East Lansing retail.

That grocery, McGraw said, wants developers to invest "several million" for a new façade, roof, new plumbing and electrical, and a "complete gutting" of the inside. He offered Goodrich's "first swing" at the same deal.

He added that the organic market would also require that high-rise housing be completed that is being planned as part of the major development of the shopping center at Trowbridge and Harrison roads.

A plan to put student housing along Trowbridge and on the former Oodles of Noodles restaurant site will trigger soil remediation and other expenses, McGraw said, who made it clear he is willing to undertake the expense.

The organic store also wants a "substantial" fund from the developer for making improvements inside beyond what McGraw has proposed.

McGraw declined to say any more about the organic market.

Whole Foods is already scheduled to come to East Lansing next year, but on Grand River Avenue. Another major national organic chain is Trader Joes, which has six locations in Michigan.

Sprouts Farmers Market, a chain of specialty stores based in Arizona, is also growing quickly with more than 150 U.S. locations since it was founded in 2001.

Two large regional chains are Earth Fare and MOM's Organic Market. Earth Fare is an Asheville, N.C.-based grocer with locations in nine states, including Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee. MOM's Organic Market has 10 locations in Maryland and Virginia.

As for 76-year-old Shop-Rite, which has been in the location for 47 years, McGraw said:

"The lease expires in August. It's just unsustainable. Unless Goodrich's can pay market rent, they're closing, regardless of whether this center is developed. That's the most important point. Goodrich's is closing no matter what happens."

McGraw wants to put up a mixed-use development, with student housing, offices and retail, but he said that's not the cause of Goodrich's potential demise.

McGraw said Goodrich's "sweetheart" lease, signed 25 years ago, set the rent at 600 percent less than market value and is "unsustainable" for the property owners,

the dry-cleaning Baryames family.

Steve Scheffel, one of four owners of Shop-Rite, admitted that the lease was favorable, mainly because Goodrich's had recently borrowed \$1 million to put into renovations, but 600 percent is "inaccurate." He expected the 2014 renewal to be more expensive, but said McGraw's proposal amounted to an "eviction notice."

Scheffel declined to say what Shop-Rite pays in rent.

"We can't match those terms," Scheffel said. "Not only does the lease go up dramatically, but we'd have to close the store for six to eight months, strip it to the walls, lay off the entire staff and put \$1 million to \$2 million worth of improvements into the place, per the new developers' specifications."

McGraw admitted that the Goodrich's Shop-Rite building is "structurally OK."

McGraw said the new grocery also wanted residential customers on site.

"Not only are we not evicting Goodrich's, like everybody is saying, but we're willing to invest millions of dollars to attract a grocer that is sustainable," McGraw said, referring in part to the housing component.

Developer Gene Townsend served for a few months on the East Lansing Planning Department advisory committee that took a preliminary look at McGraw's project.

Townsend said there's good reason to upgrade "underutilized" Goodrich Plaza, especially after the recently completed Trowbridge Road extension and gateway to MSU and a new \$10.5 million Amtrak transportation center set to go in across Trowbridge Road in 2015.

But Townsend added that Goodrich's is "almost like a public service," with its specialty groceries for international students and passionate following in the neighborhood and wider area.

"Without seeing [McGraw's] budget, you can't fairly say he has the opportunity to offer Goodrich's a lower rent than other people," Townsend said. The project is being negotiated under a confidentiality agreement. "He certainly could earn good will with public funding sources if he did announce that."

Townsend said it's unlikely McGraw will be able to finish the project without public funds. If McGraw seeks public funds, Townsend said the city of East Lansing should scrutinize the project budget carefully.

Goodrich's was almost pushed out of business once before, when I-496 gouged its way through the middle of Lansing in 1966. Nearly five decades later, Scheffel didn't rule out moving again, but at 66, the prospect made him look more world-weary than usual.

"Anything's an option," he said. "Closing the doors and clipping coupons on the beach is an option."

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Historic Old Town building becomes home base for Lansing makers club

By STEFANIE POHL

A new congregation recently started gathering inside the former Temple Club in Lansing's Old Town district. It's open to the public and meets regularly, where conversations often revolve around creation and makers. But it's not what you think.

The ever-evolving location at 502 E. Grand River Ave. recently found new life as a church of innovation. The Lansing Makers Network — a ragtag group of technology wizards,

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scientists and artists — has taken temporary refuge inside the space. Their guiding principle? Un-

abashed, unfiltered and unending curiosity. “We provide access to tools, equipment (and) space to work,” the group's founding member and board President Brian Adams said. “We have metal-working tools, wood-working tools, electronics, 3-D printers. Anything somebody wants to make with.”

The group is part of a movement that holds annual Maker Faires in big cities around the world. The one in Detroit, held each July, is one of three flagship Maker Faires in the nation. And last Saturday, the Lansing Makers Network held an open house in honor of its big move.

Adams greeted visitors just inside the door; next to him was a welcome sign made from the space's laser cutter. Members Mike Flaga, Jody Applegate and Tim Schmidt provided guided tours of the space and introduced visitors to different areas such as the 3-D printer and laser cutters.

The Lansing Makers Network established itself as a nonprofit corporation two months after the six founding members gathered for their first meeting in January 2012. In May 2013, the Makers moved into the Temple Club where redevelopment plans for the nearly 100-year-old building had stalled. The location choice was a happy accident, Adams says. The building's owner, Alan Hooper, one of three partners behind Old Town Temple LLC, had been working with the group to find a space inside the nearby Leaseway Motorcar Transport Co. building.

“It took longer to pan out, so we asked

for a place to use temporarily,” Adams said. “(Hooper) listed a couple of places he owns and he mentioned the Temple Club, and I said, ‘That's the one I want.’”

Hooper is still working on getting the Makers into their permanent space at the Leaseway, but moving the Makers into the Temple is what he calls “a partnership of convenience.” He said he's been trying to develop the Temple space into a restaurant/bar, but admitted it's been a tough project to finance. He said having the Makers in the space is mutually beneficial: Having responsible tenants using the building prevents vandalism and further deterioration of the property. The 14,500-square-foot building had been vacant since 2006.

At the open house event, the second level of the building was transformed into a hands-on showcase of some of the Makers' output, including a mega-Tetris board and a life-sized version of the board game Operation. Over 40 visitors showed up in the first hour alone, which Schmidt said was “well beyond our expectations.” Several of the visitors were families with young children who didn't hesitate to grab one of the “working” magic wands or hop on the bike of the human-powered Jacob's Ladder.

The second floor is kept open for a variety of uses, while other categories are segmented together. The laser printer sits on the mezzanine level, while metal and wood workshops are set up on the main level. Adams says the members' skill sets are heavy on electronics and machining, but he would love to get soft craft members in the space.

Lansing native Adams, 32, works as a programmer at Michigan State University at the College of Arts and Letters. He worked for years to assemble the local inventors who became the group's founding members.

“There are a dozen people here that are all about helping. You aren't stuck in a cubicle. You don't have this rigid job role. If you want to tackle something, it's wide open.”

— Tim Schmidt, Lansing Makers Network founding member

“They're trying to (develop) something that doesn't really exist around Lansing,” Hooper said. “When they've established that, it's going to be a real catalyst for (new) projects. Whether it's in business or expanding creativity, it's an outlet for people in the community who otherwise wouldn't have access to that equipment.”

Following the afternoon open house event was the Lansing Makers Network Opening Party. (LMNOP — check it out, even their parties have inspired acronyms.) It was a chance for the members and friends to celebrate their work and successes thus far. Adams said several of the visitors expressed interest in memberships, which run between \$50 and \$80 per month, with discounts at three months and one year. Membership



Jordan Bradley/City Pulse

Above: Kian Jodloski, 11 and Abby Jodloski, 9 test their skills at the Mega Operation board. Below: Craig Pontius, 24, explains to visitors that one of the Makers' 3-D printers is hard at work making a new piece for a broken 3-D printer.



fees help pay for rent, utilities and insurance. A majority of the equipment in the space has been donated, while other pieces have been consigned or leased.

“What's the point of it sitting in the garage?” Adams said. “People have brought their stuff in just so it gets used more often than if they would use it.”

But he says the marquee aspect of the Makers space is not necessarily about having a wide array of tools, but the skill sets in its members. Schmidt's background in the open source software community and 3-D printing brought him to the group.

“Someone will be the steward of a project and everyone pitches in,” Schmidt said. “Businesspeople know this, artists know this. You get stuck on things, you get writer's block, but that's where the Lansing Maker space shines. There are a dozen people here that are all about helping. You aren't stuck in a cubicle. You don't have this rigid job role. If you want to tackle something, it's wide open.”

Louise Gradwohl, executive director of the Old Town Commercial Association, agrees that the Makers are a natural fit for

the historic Lansing district. Specifically, for the annual Old Town Scrapfest, which pits teams of metalworking artists against each other in a weeklong competition.

“It would be great for the makers to (form a) team,” Gradwohl said. “Scrapfest is such a one-of-a-kind event. We've reached out to makers networks all over, so it's only going to help boost (Old Town).”

Joe Zimmerman, another member, uses this analogy: “(It's like) a gym membership with tools instead of weights. But there's a lot more to it with the community and ideas.”

Zimmerman, 35, is a computer programmer with interests in computer-controlled machinery. He was doing the same type of work on his own in a small space but ran out of room. Having the Maker space and people like Adams and Schmidt to help is inspiring.

“Each one of us has a dozen crazy ideas that we're like, ‘Oh, wouldn't it be cool if ...’ and mixing those up in a big blender makes amazing things happen,” Schmidt said. “The mission is so wide open, it's tough to talk about and tough to articulate. You have to be here and experience it to really get it.”

Silver streak

Lansing's 29th annual festival returns with new faces

By JORDAN BRADLEY

The 29th Annual Silver Bells in the City festivities include the Electric Light Parade, a holiday market, the State Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and live performances by Radio Disney performers. (No giant teddy bears or wrecking ball riding, we think.)

What began as a simple parade in 1985 has grown into downtown Lansing's biggest annual community event, drawing an average of 100,000 people per year. This is the third year Cathleen Ederly, spokeswoman for Downtown Lansing Inc., has been involved with the organizing of the festival.

"There's such a sense of community and excitement," she said. "Especially with the tree lighting and the fireworks, the kids get so excited."

Some returning favorites include the Silver Bells 5 K Fun Run/Walk, which begins at 5 p.m. The Silver Bells Village, set up on the corner of Allegan Street and Grand Avenue, offers a place to start some holiday shopping. The village includes places to pick up fine art (Absolute Gallery, Silver Bells Ornaments) food (Uncle Calvin's Sweet Potato Pies, What Up Dawg) and specialty desserts (Doll's Cookie Basket, Hot Chocolate Bliss, Jen-

SILVER BELLS IN THE CITY SCHEDULE

MAIN EVENTS

5 p.m. Silver Bells 5 K Fun Run/Walk

5-9 p.m. Silver Bells Shopping Village

5 p.m. 17th Annual Electric Light Parade

7:20 p.m. Lighting of the Official State Christmas Tree

7:30 p.m. Fireworks

7:45 p.m. Performance by Macy Kate

8:15 p.m. Performance by IM5 (from Radio Disney)

WASHINGTON SQUARE, 100 S BLOCK

5:30-6:30 p.m. Strolling clowns

7:30-8:30 p.m. Water Wonderland Chorus of Sweet Adelines International

6:30-8:30 p.m. Clowns and face painting

7:30-8:15 p.m. Patsy Watson School of Dance

8:15-9 p.m. Children's Ballet Theater

WASHINGTON SQUARE, 200 S BLOCK

5:30-6:30 p.m. Strolling clowns

5:30-8:30 p.m. First Celestial Congregational Church Celestial Handbell Ensemble

7:30-8:30 p.m. Capitol City Chordsmen (Barbershop Quartet)

CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARIES-DOWNTOWN LANSING LIBRARY

5-8 p.m. Make-A-Button

5-8:30 p.m. Model railroad exhibit

5:30-8:30 p.m. Clowns, balloon animals and face painting)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Instant photo booth, capture memories in an instant

7:30-8 p.m. & 8:15-8:45 p.m. Joel Tacey's comedy and magic show

LANSING CENTER - EXHIBIT HALL A

5-6 p.m. Irish Dance Company of Greater Lansing

6-7:30 p.m. Live broadcast of the Electric Light Parade, Christmas Tree lighting and fireworks

6:15-7:15 p.m. Winans Holiday Choir

7:30-8:30 p.m. Meridian Community Band

6-7 p.m. Wanda Degen & Kay Rinker-O'Neil

7-8 p.m. Tangent Band

8-9 p.m. Walter Cano Trio

LANSING CITY HALL

7:15-8 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band

8-8:30 p.m. Capitol City Jazz Society

WASHINGTON SQUARE, 300 S BLOCK

5:30-6:30 p.m. Strolling clowns

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DART AUDITORIUM, 500 N. CAPITOL AVE.

8-9 p.m. Live broadcast of "A Suessified Christmas Carol," on 89.7FM & WLNZ.org. Studio audience welcome.

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5-6 p.m. Full House Band

6-7 p.m. El Ballet de Maria Luz

7-8 p.m. Ruhala Performing Arts

8-9 p.m. Violinist Alexis Dawdy

CATA TRANSPORTATION CENTER

5-6 p.m. Lansing Concert Band (Woodwind Quartet)

6-7 p.m. Singer/songwriter Taylor Taylor

6:30-8:30 p.m. Caricature artists

LANSING CITY MARKET

5-9 p.m. Santa & Mrs. Claus and live reindeer

5:30-6:30 p.m. Alex Mejia Trio

6:30-7:30 p.m. Lil Ditties

5:30-8:30 p.m. Children's crafts

7:30-8:30 p.m. Dan MacLachlan

MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER

5-6 p.m. Patch Chords (barbershop quartet)

5-9 p.m. Michigan Historical Museum Exhibit Galleries - Medieval Manuscript Art

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5:30-8 p.m. Self-guided tours

6-8 p.m. Harpist Deidreanna Potter (Capitol Rotunda)

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8 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Preview for upcoming production of "White Christmas"

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na Marie Gourmet Chocolates.)

Ederly said the event attracts locals as well as visitors from outside the area, filling hotel rooms and sampling the local cuisine. This year, there are two performers entertaining on the steps of the Capitol: Macy Kate, a young singer will open for the boy

band IM5. Ederly said that performances like these are geared toward the teenage crowd and over the years, it's proven successful. Since they've advertised for these acts, Ederly noticed an increase in attendance, especially among younger people. Teens come and stay with their families for

the performance.

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Baby, baby

Saxophone man Diego Rivera taps into the cycle of life with infant daughter and new CD

By LAWRENCE COSENTINO

Diego Rivera has picked a hell of a time to climb onto the national stage with his new CD, "The Contender."

"I'm hanging in there," the homegrown East Lansing tenor sax powerhouse and MSU Professor of Jazz said. He was absorbing a bowl of Beggar's Banquet gumbo between an afternoon class at MSU and an evening gig in Detroit.

Diego Rivera Quintet

"The Contender" CD
Release Party
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23
Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner
St., Lansing
\$20/\$10 students
Hear a sample of Rivera's
music at diegoriverajazz.com

Rivera, 35, is playing and arranging with more intensity and focus than ever, teaching a full schedule of jazz studies at MSU and hopscotching through the Midwest for a series of CD release gigs, including one this Saturday at Old Town's Creole Gallery. He dotes on his 4-month-old daughter, Nefeli, so fondly that his colleague, trumpeter Etienne Charles, has a new Diego imitation. He puts on an excited grin and points to an iPhone.

Both of Rivera's babies are thriving. Last week, "The Contender" reached No. 8 on the

JazzWeek charts, nestled among big releases by stars like Kenny Garrett, Ahmad Jamal and Steve Turre. As satellite radio picks up on Rivera's muscular tenor sound and talent for making complex arrangements go down like mellow Scotch, he's getting calls for interviews from San Francisco to New York.

The burst of music making comes as a relief to Rivera, who wasn't sure for a minute that his life's passion would survive the coos of his baby girl.

Two days after Nefeli (named after a cloud Zeus turned into a goddess) was born in early June, Rivera went straight from the maternity ward to the East Lansing Jazz Festival to play with the Professors and the Lansing Symphony Big Band. Immediately afterwards, he rushed back to the hospital with the plastic bracelet still on his wrist.

Otherwise, Rivera's horn sat in its case all May and most of the summer, a thing that hadn't happened in over 15 years.

"My future looked completely different," he said. "My priorities changed completely. Everything just became about family."

A doubt plagued him. Since high school, Rivera lived, ate and slept music, much like his idol, John Coltrane. After all this, would the embrace of jazz feel the same?

The vinyl finally flipped back to Side A on a drive to Detroit with bassist Rodney Whitaker for an early August gig at New Center Park.

"I was terrified, but we got on the gig and I had a blast," he said. "It reaffirmed how important music is to me. Even when I've really understood what was important in life, music was still way up there."

The next day, Rivera played a blistering set at Lansing JazzFest, matching force for force with the Professors and formidable guest trumpeter Terrell Stafford.



Photo by André B Thomas.

Diego Rivera has received national acclaim for his new CD, "The Contender."

"Every time I've played since then has been an absolute joy," he said. "I know that in my heart of hearts, I love being a musician."

Rivera can adapt to bebop, R&B, soul and pop, but his zone is in the red-meat school of Coltrane, Johnny Griffin and Ben Webster. Coltrane, often called "the heavyweight champion," was the inspiration for "The Contender's" title track.

"That's about putting myself out there, planting my two feet, speaking with a loud voice," Diego said.

But Rivera differs from all of his idols, especially Coltrane, by keeping his solos brief and boiled down, at least on the album. Clichés and indulgences are triple-filtered into a dark stream that churns instantly to a froth and cuts off like a hearty stout from a high-pressure tap. You're left wanting more, although trumpeter Greg Gisbert matches Rivera blast for blast on the CD.

To hear Rivera really stretch out, he said, "You'll have to come to the gig" at the Creole. MSU trombone man and "Contender" producer Micheal Dease will play trombone, with Columbus-based Dwight Adams, a former Detroit staple and MSU instructor, on trumpet, former MSU professor Rick Roe on piano, Sexton High teacher David Rosin on bass and Detroit's Nate Winn on drums.

The CD features a hotter-than-hot New York band, put together by Dease, with Whitaker on bass. Incredibly, it was finished in a day, with two takes each of 12 Rivera originals. The tunes juggle Latin-tinged workouts with straight shots of hard bop and earnest emotion, driven on by a subtle narrative momentum. "Frida" is a nod to painter Frida Kahlo, closely associated with Rivera's namesake, the painter Diego Rivera.

Rivera wrote "Frida" while his wife-to-be, Maria, was visiting her family in Greece. The two were in love, but hadn't yet decided whether, or where, they could settle down, in Greece or in East Lansing. It felt like limbo.

When Rivera brought in the tune for rehearsal, the run-through ended in silence. At length, Rivera said, bassist George DeLancey looked at him and said, "Man, you miss your girlfriend."

The building blocks of "The Contender" are drawn from tradition, but their confident interplay and pleasing nuances betray Rivera's stamp. He says he's wary of anybody claiming to have done something "new."

"It's taken me a while to see music and a lot of experiences as circular," he said. "I don't listen in a straight line." A phase of obsessing over tenor sax legend Lester Young might lead Rivera to cerebral West Coast players like Lennie Tristano and Chet Baker, in turn to "Third Stream" classical-jazz composers like Bob Brookmeyer to straight classical stuff from Bach and Debussy until the siren voo-voo of Lester Young beckons again.

"Every time you go around the cycle you listen to something with a little bit more information, a more informed ear," Rivera said.

He's on his second and third revolutions with some favorites — probably his 20th with titans like Coltrane and Young.

"It doesn't necessarily lead me anywhere," he said. "It just keeps me coming back." The trick, he said, is to get smarter every time he goes around, with music or life experience.

"I don't want to be a completely different person," he said. "I like who I am. I want to be more of who I am."

As Rivera ruminated, our late lunch turned into an early dinner. We wrapped up at about 3:30. Rivera was due to hit at Detroit's Dirty Dog Café with Sean Dobbins at 6:30. He was pleased at the timing.

"I'll be hungry by then," he said. "I like to be a little hungry when I do a gig."

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Riot 'Girls'

Lansing power pop band returns for homecoming show after world tour

By RICH TUPICA

Lansing rock band Cheap Girls — made up of Adam Aymor, 26, and brothers Ian Graham, 27, and Ben Graham, 29 — haven't been hanging around town much. Over the last year, the band's been busy gigging across the U.S. and other continents.

Cheap Girls

wsg Failures' Union, Little American Champ, Frank & Earnest
Mac's Bar
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23
2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing
\$12/\$10 advance
macsbar.com

Their last album, "Giant Orange," was recorded with Laura Jane Grace of Against Me! and received solid press from Rolling Stone and Spin. This Saturday, Nov. 23, the Girls return to Mac's Bar for a homecoming show.

Why haven't Cheap Girls played Lansing in so long?

Ian Graham: It was a busier year than what we had planned on. We did England, the United States twice, and then Australia all between March and August. But we've had about two months off now (and) we're legitimately excited to play Mac's.

So you've been writing some new material?

Graham: Yeah, I think we're sitting on a dozen new (songs) that we're about to record. It'll likely be out in spring next year.

How will this record be different from the previous LPs?

Graham: We've done more layering (and) spent a lot more time messing with the songs. (It's inspired by) Steely Dan and the third Wilco record.

Any interesting touring stories?

Aymor: The first time we were in Los

Angeles, in 2009, the show literally ended with a riot. (The police) were beating everyone up with batons and stuff. It was an open ceiling venue, so two helicopters started spotlighting. We got out safely, but we had to fight to get our gear out of there.

How was touring Australia?

Graham: It was a nice way to wrap up things before going into the next record. The entire tour seemed very vacation-like. We did a show in Tasmania. The people there fucking party.



Photo by Chris Haug

Cheap Girls are (from left) Ben Graham (drums), Adam Aymor (guitar) and Ian Graham (bass/ vocals).

Do you plan to stay in Lansing?

Graham: We have no plans not to. Lansing is a great place to be when you're not on tour. It's nice having a cozy home base.



Photo by Chris Haug
The cast of "Xanadu."

CURTAIN CALL

A vision in a dream

MSU roller-skating musical whisks audiences off to 'Xanadu'

By TOM HELMA

The debut show for MSU's new Studio 60 Theatre is the charming and enchantingly infectious, high energy, feel-good production of "Xanadu." With an outrageously ostentatious disco roller rink set featuring multiple photomurals and wraparound, rainbow-colored lighting, the set design alone makes the trip to campus worthwhile. Add to that a seemingly freestyle plot and you have the campiest theater of the season.

"Xanadu"

Studio 60 Theatre (basement of the MSU Auditorium)
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20-Thursday, Nov. 21; 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22-Saturday, Nov. 23; 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Nov. 24
\$20/\$18 seniors and faculty/\$15 students/\$8 children
(800) WHARTON, whartoncenter.com

The long, narrow stage provided video projections at both ends. Following the roller dancers back and forth was dizzying, and the proximity to the dancers was so immediate that one could smell the sweet smell

of happy sweat.

Brett Kline plays '80s innocent Sonny Malone, a wide-eyed hippy-like character who falls in love with the Greek muse Clio (portrayed by Brittany Nicol on Saturday night), and begins a heaven-bent life journey to transform an ancient boardwalk warehouse into a disco-driven center where all the arts can merge. Malone brings a powerful baritone singing voice to his acting performance; and his duet with Clio ("Suddenly") caused the grown women in the audience to swoon. He was damn good.

Equally good was his scheming warehouse landlord partner-in-crime protagonist, Danny, played by Dan Inglese with the fierce comic intensity of Al Pacino in "Dick Tracy." Inglese's singing voice brought out the tender side of his character. This time, all the women swooned.

Nicol led an ensemble cadre of diverse Greek Muses through a wide range of complexly choreographed musical numbers. All of the Muses were costumed exquisitely and belted out a multiplicity of cheerful songs. Best was the juxtaposition of singers from the '40s, dressed militarily as the WWII-era Andrews Sisters, blended with glitzy black and chrome styled go-go dancers from the 80's.

The dance floor featured complex roller arabesques throughout the performance. At both the beginning and the end, children in the audience spontaneously got up to dance with the roller skaters.

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Rare finds

A roundup of literary happenings in Lansing this week

By **BILL CASTANIER**

There's a room on the fourth floor of the Library of Michigan where about 17,000

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books are kept in the dark — for a good reason. It's the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room, and among the books protected by what librarian Carol Fink calls “extremely regu-

lated temperature and humidity controls,” is an incunabulum, a rare 1490 edition of the Statham Abridgement of Law (a British

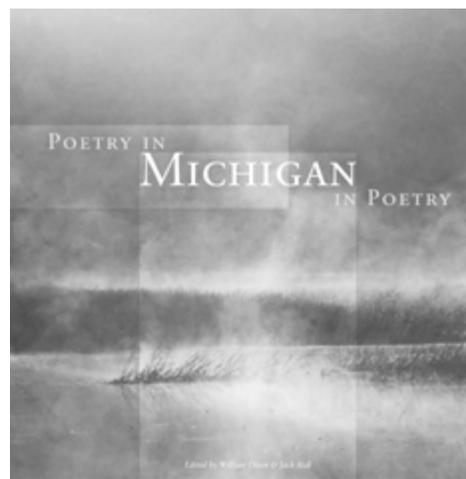
law written in French) and a miniature copy of The Gettysburg Address, which — trivia alert — was written 150 years ago this week.

The Library of Michigan Foundation commemorates the Rare Book Room's 10th anniversary from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 with an open house and a demonstration of medieval printing by Randy Asplund, a medieval manuscript and book artist who will show how a 15th century illuminated manuscript was made.

Fink said the public uses the library in many different ways: Authors documenting when a certain ship left a dock, for doing legal research or people simply admiring the leather bindings. The Rare Book Room was made possible by a gift from the Martha and Hicks Griffiths estate, which paid for the partial construction of the room and established a \$500,000 endowment for the purchase of rare and unusual books for the collection.

On Fink's wish list are a copy of the “The Book of the Law of the Lord,” the sacred text to a local offshoot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The book is a translation of the “Plates of Laban” by James Strang, one of Michigan's more unusual religious leaders who declared himself a king and took over Beaver Island in the mid-19th century. He led the group called the Strangites before he was killed in 1856.

Also on the list is an altered book, which is a form of mixed media artwork that transforms a book into a piece of art — think



Courtesy Photo

The hardcover collection “Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry” compiles art and poetry from nearly 100 Michigan poets and 30 visual artists. Courtesy photo.

pop-up book as fine art.

The printing demonstration runs from 4-5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. The events are free but reservations are required.

Ten days left in short story contest

Is Lansing home to the next Raymond Carver, Alice Munro or Flannery O'Connor? There just may be a mid-Michigan writer who will be able to make that claim when the Second Annual Write Michigan Short Story Contest ends Nov. 30. Story length is limited to 3,000 words; there is a \$10 entry fee.

Elizabeth Breed, spokeswoman for the Capital Area District Library, said there have been 188 submissions, with more than 100 additional works now in draft that are expected to be submitted by the deadline. CADL is a co-sponsor of the contest with Kentwood District Library in Kentwood, Mich. In its inaugural year, the Kentwood Library received nearly 600 short story submissions. Breed said last year's experience

shows most of the submissions come in the final week. (Leave it to a writer to procrastinate until the last minute.)

The contest includes cash awards of up to \$250 for winners in children, teen and adult category. Award winners will be included in the 2014 Write Michigan Anthology to be self-published by Schuler Books & Music.

There will be online voting for Reader's Choice winners from Jan. 6-31. A panel of judges, including library staff and staff from Schuler, will select the Judge's Choice Awards. An award ceremony will be held at the Kentwood Richard L. Root branch on March 22. MSU Journalism graduate and author Kristina Riggle will give a keynote address.

For more information on the contest, go to writemichigan.org.

Poetry in Michigan

Poetry books are usually soft cover and self-published. However, that's changed with the spectacular new art/poetry book, “Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry.” It was edited by two Michigan poets, William Olsen and Jack Ridl, and published by Western Michigan University's New Issues Poetry and Prose imprint.

Nearly 100 Michigan poets and 30 visual artists are included in the book. The list of poets is impressive, including MSU graduate Jim Harrison, former MSU Poetry Professor Diane Wakoski and former Grand Ledge native Jim Hicock, who teaches at Virginia Tech.

Old Town Poetry Series

The Creole Gallery
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21
1218 Turner St., Lansing
Find the event on Facebook

The Old Town Poetry Series will host a free reading 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Creole Gallery. It will feature 13 Michigan award-winning poets included in the book. Dennis Hinrichsen, who recently retired from Lansing Community College after 25 years of teaching creative writing and whose work is featured in the book, will be the emcee.

Hinrichsen said he sees the book as a “cultural map of Michigan in words and images.”

“The resurgence of the poetry culture in Michigan is huge,” he said. Included among the poets to read at the Creole Gallery are Patricia Clark, poet-in-residence and professor of writing at Grand Valley University; Keith Taylor, coordinator of the undergrad writing program at the University of Michigan; and Robert Fanning, associate professor of writing at Central Michigan University.

“The poems represent a strong sense of place of Michigan,” Hinrichsen said. For example, Harrison's “Walking” recalls a fall walk in a poplar forest where the narrator recalls past hunting seasons and an ethereal dream of “women in white linen walking, pinkish warm limbs beneath white linen.”

Reading collections of poetry can be daunting, but the best advice comes from Jim Harrison who said, “Read a poem a day, set the book aside and read another poem the next day. It's pretty simple.”

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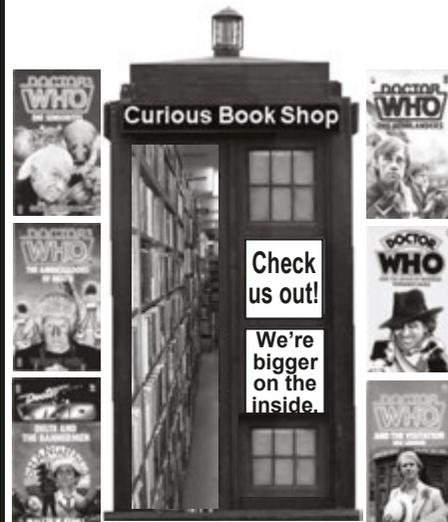
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OUT ON THE TOWN

Events must be entered through the calendar at www.lansingcitypulse.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursdays for the following week's issue. Charges may apply for paid events to appear in print. If you need assistance, please call Jonathan at (517) 999-5069.

Wednesday, November 20

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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) 272-9840.

Drawing Class. All skill levels, with Penny Collins. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$60 for four weeks. Gallery 1212 Old Town, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212. gallery1212.com.

Drop-in Figure Drawing. Easels and drawing boards provided. 7-9:30 p.m. \$7, \$5 students. Kresge Art Center, located at Physics and Auditorium roads, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 337-1170.

Baptism and Communion Discussion. Ancient spirituality or outdated rituals? 6-7 p.m. FREE. Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing. (517) 484-7434.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

EVENTS

Practice Your English. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

DTDL Book Club. Discuss Amy Tan's new book. 6-7:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. **Allen Street Farmers Market.** Inside Allen Market Place. 3-6:30 p.m. FREE. Allen Street Farmers Market, 1619 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. (517) 999-3911.

Why Public Health Needs Religious Studies. Dr. Ann Mongoven speaks. Room A-124. 7 p.m. FREE. MSU Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-2930. religiousstudies.msu.edu.

Artist and Activist Chris Jordan. On environment and culture. 7 p.m. FREE. Pasant Theatre, Bogue Street and Wilson Road, East Lansing. geo.msu.edu.

MUSIC

Sam Winterheimer Quartet. 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

The Mike Eyia Trio Live. Fine dining and live music. 7-10 p.m. FREE. Gracie's Place, 151 S. Putnam St., Williamston. (517) 655-1100.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 22 >> MSU OPERA THEATRE PRESENTS "THE MAGIC FLUTE"

MSU's Opera Theatre performs the classic tale of a prince's quest to find his ladylove, Princess Pamina who has been kidnapped by an evil sorcerer. While on his journey Prince Tamino encounters interesting characters, including bird catchers, intense queens and more. But will the prince find his princess? This opera is sung in English and suitable as an introduction to opera for children. Performed by 30 students and a 40-piece ensemble, "The Magic Flute" is sure to enchant audiences. \$20/\$18 seniors/\$5 students. 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23; 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Fairchild Theatre in the MSU Auditorium, 542 Auditorium Road, East Lansing.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 >> SALSA DANCING WITH CAPITOL SALSA

Capitol Salsa invites people interested in salsa dancing to stop by and warm up with some hot moves after Silver Bells at its monthly event at AA Creative Alley (formerly Art Alley). Don't know how to salsa dance? No worries. Dance lessons for beginners are offered at the beginning of the night. The 12-piece ensemble Ritmo will provide live salsa music for the event. "We want to make sure everyone's comfortable and feels welcome, even if you've never tried it before," the event's organizer Bryan Grochowski. \$10. 9 p.m. 1133 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 >> SILVER BELLS RADIO PLAY OF "A SEUSSIFIED CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The 8th annual Silver Bells Radio Play brings you a Dr. Seuss spin on the classic Charles Dickens story, "A Christmas Carol." The celebrity cast includes TV and radio personalities Evan Pinonnault and Chris Tyler. Donations for LCC Radio are accepted at the door. If you're unable to stop by the studio, "A Seussified Christmas Carol" will broadcast live on 89.7-FM. 8 p.m. FREE. Dart Auditorium at Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 >> IRISH DANCE COMPANY OF GREATER LANSING

The Irish Dance Company is comprised of children ages 5-18 who learn and perform traditional Irish steps and dances. Since 1992, the company has been inspiring people with their cultural influences. The company performs at many festivals and fundraisers. It's been involved with Silver Bells in the City for many years as well. 5 p.m. FREE. Exhibit Hall A in the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing.

SUNDAY, NOV. 24 >> RACHEL YORK: A CABARET PERFORMANCE

Broadway vet Rachel York is no stranger to East Lansing. In 2010, she stormed across the Wharton stage as Cruella De Vil in "101 Dalmatians: The Musical"; last year she steamed up some port holes in Cole Porter's "Anything Goes." And on Sunday, the redhead beauty returns for a one-woman cabaret show featuring her impressive singing voice and magnetic stage presence. 7 p.m. Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center. \$37. (800) WHARTON, whartoncenter.com.



SUNDAY, NOV. 24 >> COL. CHRIS HADFIELD SPEAKS AT SCHULER BOOKS

Col. Chris Hadfield talks about and signs his novel "An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth." This book goes all "Gravity" on you with crazy stories about surviving in the final frontier. After decades of training in the NASA space program, Hadfield learned to prepare for the worst and enjoy every minute. In order to receive a ticket, you must buy a copy of the book (retail price: \$28). 2 p.m. Schuler Books & Music, 1982 Grand River Avenue, Okemos. (517) 349-8840, schulerbooks.com.



MONDAY, NOV. 25 >> DOCTOR WHO: DAY OF THE DOCTOR SCREENING



Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the time-traveling sci fi hero when "Doctor Who: Day of the Doctor" comes to Lansing on the big screen. The one-day only event is presented in high definition and 3-D. The series is the longest running sci-fi series in TV history. With its 2005 reboot came a whole new generation of fans. In this special event, Rose Tyler (played by Billie Pipe) and the Tenth Doctor (David Tennant) are set to make appearances. 7:30 and 10 p.m. \$15. Celebration! Cinema, 200 E. Edgewood Blvd., Lansing. celebrationcinema.com.

TURN IT DOWN

A SURVEY OF LANSING'S MUSICAL LANDSCAPE

BY RICH TUPICA



FRI. NOV 29TH

NEGATIVE APPROACH AT MAC'S BAR

Friday, Nov. 29 @ Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$18, \$15 advance, 8 p.m.

Detroit's hardcore punk pioneers Negative Approach headlines a night of classic punk rock Nov. 29 at Mac's Bar. Opening the show are Wartorn, Explicit Bombers and Banned & Burned. Starting in the early 1980s, Negative Approach, led by the legendary vocalist John Brannon, became a leading band in the emerging DIY hardcore scene after releasing its 1982 debut 7-inch single on Touch and Go Records. In 1992, Touch and Go released "Total Recall," a compilation of the band's no-frills discography. While Negative Approach originally called it quits in the mid-'80s, Brannon reformed the band in 2006 and has since continued to play sporadic shows, in between gigs with Easy Action, his primary band.

CROATONE CD RELEASE



FRI. NOV 22ND

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$8, 5 p.m.

Croatone, a local instrumental hardcore punk band, holds a CD release show Friday at Mac's Bar. Opening are Hordes and Wormfoot. Croatone plays instrumental "bluesy psychedelic hardcore punk rock." This is the band's debut disc on Silver Maple Kill Records, a local indie label operated by musician Todd Kerinen. Meanwhile Hordes is writing songs for a new album, which is interesting — for the last six years, the Lansing-based experimental band has only performed and recorded improvised material. Hordes' chief members Jon Howard (bass, loops, samples) and Alex Hudson (guitar, vocals, effects) are known for their riff-heavy metal/noise hybrid that draws influence from Godflesh, The Cure and Killing Joke.

X AMBASSADORS AT THE LOFT



FRI. NOV 22ND

The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$12, \$9.41 adv., 7 p.m.

Rising indie stars X Ambassadors headline a night of alt-rock Friday at The Loft. The gig is sponsored by 94.1 The Edge and also features Dinner and a Suit, Flint Eastwood and Wayne Szalinski. After Dan Reynolds of Imagine Dragons caught an X Ambassadors show, he helped get the band signed to KIDinaKORNER Records, a subsidiary of Interscope Records. The Brooklyn-based band's major label debut EP, "Love Songs Drug Songs," released last year, showcases its ability to write slick pop music, with a gloomy, fervent edge. The disc is receiving airplay on alternative radio stations across the country. The group was formed by singer/songwriter Sam Harris, Casey Harris (his brother and keyboardist), Noah Feldsuh (guitar) and drummer Adam Levin.

ONEO CD RELEASE SHOW



WED. NOV 27TH

Uli's Haus of Rock, 4519 S. Martin Luther King, Lansing. 18+, \$5 for 21 plus, \$10 under 21, 7 p.m.

Oneo, a Lansing hardcore grunge band, releases its debut CD "The First Has Fallen" Nov. 27 at Uli's Haus of Rock. Opening the show are Foxhound, Off The Ledge, Christy & The Professors, Tru-Burn and The Noise Birds. Oneo's new, self-produced, disc features eight original songs that reflect the band's influences, like Alice in Chains and Nirvana. The outfit includes John Monroe (bass), Craig Oze Wilson (drums), Rick Britton (guitar/vocals) and lead guitarist Brandon Onan. Off The Ledge, a Lansing-based "funky blues rock" band, is made up of former members of Monsters on Maple St. and 2nd Hand Band. The members cite Jack White and Dave Matthews as their chief influences.

THE FENCEMEN AT MAC'S BAR



WED. NOV 27TH

Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. 18+, \$7, 9 p.m.

The Fencemen (featuring members of Small Brown Bike, LaSalle, and Ettison Clio), are a local five-piece that formed in late 2010. The band has already self-released the "Times Are Alright" disc and are in the studio recording its new EP, tentatively titled "More More More Monuments"; the EP is planned to be completed over the winter. The Fencemen are influenced by post-punk, Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen. The band is made up of scene veterans Jared Nisch (bass), Mike Reed (guitar), Dan Jaquint (drummer) and Tyler Blakslee (vocals). Opening the raucous pre-Thanksgiving show (biggest bar night of the year!) are Flint-based Empty Orchestra and Ypsilanti-based Disinformants.

UPCOMING SHOW? CONTACT RICH TUPICA AT RICH@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM >>> TO BE LISTED IN LIVE & LOCAL E-MAIL LIVEANDLOCAL@LANSINGCITYPULSE.COM

LIVE & LOCAL

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.		The Swill, 8 p.m.	Ron Kleidja, 9 p.m.	Downtown Brown, 9 p.m.
Colonial Bar, 3425 S. MLK Blvd.		DJ, 9 p.m.	Bittercreek, 9p.m.	Bittercreek, 9 p.m.
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Peter Paul, 10 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.	Karaoke, 9 p.m.
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Stu Vosburg Piano Jams, 9 p.m.	Mike Scory open mic, 8 p.m.	Summer of Sol, 9 p.m.	The Knock Offs, 9 p.m.
Grand Café/Sir Pizza, 201 E. Grand River Ave.		Kathy Ford Band, 7:30 p.m.	Karaoke, 7 p.m.	Capital Groove Band, 8 p.m.
Harem, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		DJ Thor, 9 p.m.	DJ Skitzo, 9 p.m.	DJ Elemnt, 9 p.m.
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Shinobi Ninja, 8 p.m.	X Ambassadors, 7 p.m.	Brian Lorente, 8 p.m.
Mac's Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.		Kaminanda, 9 p.m.	Croatone, 5 p.m.	Cheap Girls, 8 p.m.
Moriarty's Pub, 802 E. Michigan Ave.	Open mic, 10 p.m.	Scratch Pilots, 10 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.	Avon Bomb, 9:30 p.m.
Tin Can West, 644 Migaldi Ln.	Waterpong, 11 p.m.	Well Enough Alone, 8 p.m.		
Tin Can DeWitt, 13175 Schavey Rd.	DJ Trivia, 8 p.m.	Off the Ledge, 8 p.m.		
Unicorn Tavern, 327 E. Grand River Ave.			Steve West Band, 8:30 p.m.	Steve West Band
Whiskey Barrel Saloon, 410 S. Clippert St.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	DJ, 9 p.m.	Union Guns, 9 p.m.

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LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tween Book Club. Ages 9-12. Call to register. 4-5 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtld.org.

Spit Fire Poetry Slam. Open mic hosted by Logic. 7:45 p.m. \$5/\$3 Students. Scene MetroSpace, 110 Charles St., East Lansing. (517) 319-6832.

Thursday, November 21

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. The group meets on

Thursdays (except holidays). 5:15 p.m., \$5 monthly. New Hope Church, 1340 Haslett Road, Haslett. (517) 339-9000. newhopehaslett.com.

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.

Computer Training. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Faith United Methodist Church, 4301 S. Waverly Road, Lansing. (517) 393-3347.

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

Companion Planting for Kids Workshop. Learn about the benefits of a diverse garden. 4 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Market, 325 City Market Drive, Lansing. (517) 483-7460. lansingcitymarket.com.

EVENTS

Evening Storytime. Stories, songs and crafts. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtld.org.

Spanish Conversation Group. Both English and Spanish spoken. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public

Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

Euchre. Come play Euchre and meet new people. No partner needed. 6-9 p.m. \$1.50. Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, Lansing. (517) 484-5600.

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

Michigan Beer Show Podcast: Tap Takeover. Tap Takeover with home brews, open to public. 8-9 p.m. FREE. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

Harvest Basket Produce Sale. All produce grown naturally on the Smith Floral Property. 3-7:30 p.m. Smith Floral and Greenhouses, 124 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing.

MSU Film Collective: "I'm Not There." Room B122. 8 p.m. FREE. MSU Wells Hall, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 884-4441. filmstudies.cal.msu.edu/film-culture/msu-film-collective/.

Ladies Silver Blades Figure Skating Club. Lessons, exercise and practice for adult women. All skill levels welcome. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Suburban Ice, 2810 Hannah Blvd., East Lansing. (517) 574-4380.

Mark Meadows' Appalachian Travels. Tales from the Appalachian Trail. 7 p.m. FREE. Foster Community

Center, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing.

Community Reinvestment Fund. Info session about grants. 10-11 a.m. FREE. Michigan Environmental Council, 602 W. Ionia St., Lansing. (517) 292-3078. midmeac.org.

Fall Festival Open House. Call to RSVP. Enjoy music, tours and refreshments. 1-4 p.m. FREE. Burcham Hills Retirement Community, 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 827-1059. burchamhills.com.

MUSIC

Marshall Music Drum Circle. Hosted by Ian Levine. All ages and levels welcome. 6:30 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700.

Live Music at P Squared. Live music every Thursday, 8 p.m. FREE. P Squared Wine Bar, 107 S. Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 507-5074.

Rally In The Alley: Open Mic. 6:30 p.m. FREE. American Legion Post 48, 731 N. Clinton St., Grand Ledge. (517) 627-1232.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Writers Roundtable. Get feedback on your writing.

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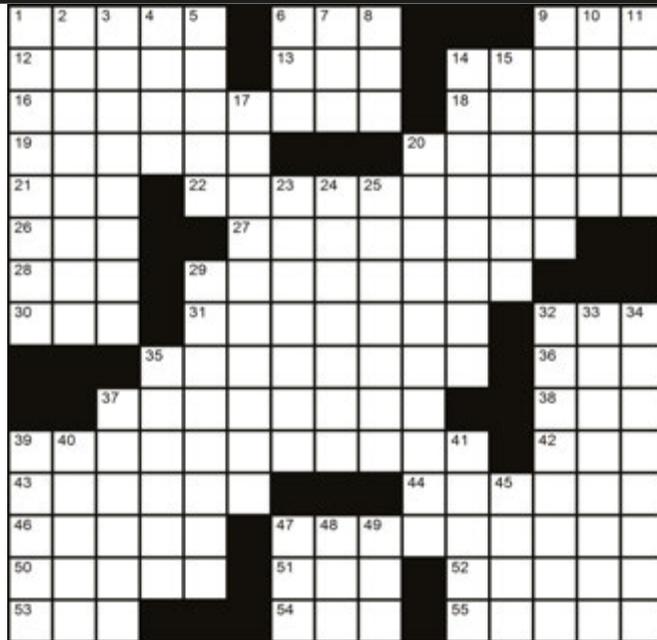
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"Big Time"--free-style, me-style.
Matt Jones

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- 9 Raptor pack?
- 12 Crop-eating pest
- 13 Rain-___ (gumball brand)
- 14 The Alfred P. ___ Foundation (nonprofit institution)
- 16 iShame, that!
- 18 Beer with a blue ribbon logo
- 19 Comeback hit of 1988
- 20 "___ like caviar..." (Marilyn Monroe quote)
- 21 Long beginning?
- 22 In an outmoded sense
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- 27 Sign of family leadership, maybe
- 28 "___ Beso" (1962 hit)
- 29 High-capacity vehicle?
- 30 Penn in NYC, e.g.
- 31 One of 140 characters, often
- 32 Recipe amount
- 35 Like most dish-ware
- 36 Article in Acapulco
- 37 Wrapped up
- 38 "Deck the Halls" contraction
- 39 Many of St. Benedict's monks
- 42 Walgreen's com-



- petitor
- 43 Less tacky
- 44 Shakers founder
- 46 iLetis Build Something Together!
- retailer
- 47 Item where the middle is automatically marked
- 50 "It's ___ Unusual Day"
- 51 First name in Ugandan dictatorship
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- 53 Existed
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- 55 City of the Ruhr River Valley

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- 4 Michael's brother
- 5 "Battlestar Galactica" role
- 6 Possible result of a sacrifice
- 7 PC key
- 8 She once sat with Barbara and Whoopi
- 9 Prizes awarded since 1901
- 10 "Fawlty Towers" character
- 11 Full of fidgets
- 14 Like "the house of tomorrow"
- 15 "Blazing Saddles" villain Hedley
- 17 City claiming the world's smallest park
- 20 Private economy spending gap
- 23 Frustrated with
- 24 "Jump!" response
- 25 Andy's TV relative
- 29 Violin attachment
- 32 Ditch
- 33 All there is
- 34 Submitted, as completed homework
- 35 Worry after a bite
- 37 Way to count quicker
- 39 Show with episodes iPettycoat Injunctioni and iHis Suit is Hirsutei
- 40 Enticing smell
- 41 Make noise at night
- 45 Cpls., e.g.
- 47 Last name in color schemes?
- 48 Words before a kiss
- 49 Turn down

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To avoid erasing, pencil in your possible answers in the scratchpad space beneath the short line in each vacant square.
Answers on page 21

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6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.
Poetry in Michigan. Publication party and poetry reading for Michigan poets. 7:30 p.m. Donation \$5. Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 267-0410.

Friday, November 22

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Oil Painting. For all levels with Patricia Singer. Preregistration required. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$60 for four weeks. Gallery 1212 Old Town, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212. gallery1212.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous. A closed women's meeting. 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6500 Amwood Drive, Lansing. (517) 882-9733.

EVENTS

One-on-One Business Counseling. Call (517) 483-1921 to register. 12:30-4:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtdl.org.
Lansing Bike Party. Bike ride with TGIF stop. 5:30 p.m. FREE. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E. Circle Drive, MSU Campus, East Lansing.
Discovery Friday. Check out what Barnes & Noble has for holiday. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437.
Community Reinvestment Fund. Info session about grants. 11 a.m.-noon, FREE. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Road, DeWitt. (517) 292-3078. midmeac.org.

MUSIC

Mike Felten. Live music. 8 p.m. FREE. Jackson Coffee Co. 201 S. Mechanic St., Jackson. (517) 990-6770.
MSU Opera Theatre: The Magic Flute. Kevin Noe, conductor; Melanie Helton, director. 8 p.m. \$20/\$18 Seniors/\$5 Students with ID. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340.
MSU Symphony Orchestra. Featuring music by Rice, Ginastera and Sibelius. 8 p.m. \$10/\$8 Seniors/FREE Students. Wharton Center, MSU Campus, East Lansing. 1-800-WHARTON.
Christmas Time in the City. The Meridian Band performs at Silver Bells. 7:30 p.m. FREE. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 349-8548. meridiancommunityband.org.
Ritmo at Art Alley Creative Corridor. Salsa dancing event, with performances by Ritmo. 8 p.m.-Midnight, \$7. 1133 S. Washington Ave., Reo Town, Lansing. (517) 927-9384. orquestarritmo.com.

THEATER

"The Man Who Came to Dinner." ELHS Fall Theater Production. 7 p.m. \$5. East Lansing High School, 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing. (517) 333-7490.

Saturday, November 23

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Tai Chi in the Park. Taught by Bob Teachout. 9 a.m. FREE. Hunter Park Community GardenHouse, 1400 block of E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.
Domestic Violence Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.
Win Your Battle With Stress! Dr. Kirk Laman speaks. Banquet room 5. 9 a.m.-Noon, \$29.97/\$50 for two. Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (877) 917-7991.

EVENTS

Feeling Lucky? LCC GSA Drag Show. Supporting Besty Lou Robson Memorial Scholarship. 8 p.m. \$5. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College, 500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 483-1285.
Christ Temple Church 5th Pastoral Anniversary. Celebrate five years with Pastor Louis K. Slaughter. 6 p.m. Banquet \$50/Service FREE. Radisson Hotel, 111 N. Grand Ave. Lansing. (517) 507-1869.
Tellabration. Storytelling for adults by Lansing Storytellers. 7 p.m. \$5. First United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge. (517) 393-2573.
Holiday Shopping Fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds benefit Willow Tree. 5:30-9:30 p.m. FREE. Willow Tree Family Center, 3333 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 101, Lansing. (517) 420-0382.
St. Gerard Autumn Craft Show. Annual seasonal crafts for sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE. St. Gerard Parish, 4437 W. Willow Highway, Lansing.
Elf on the Shelf Storytime. Elf on the Shelf storytime and adoption. 1 p.m. FREE. Barnes and Noble, 5132 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 327-0437. bn.com.

MUSIC

MSU Opera Theatre: The Magic Flute. Kevin Noe, conductor; Melanie Helton, director. 8 p.m. \$20/\$18 Seniors/\$5 Students with ID. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340.
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Sunday, November 24

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Juggling. Learn how to juggle. 2-4 p.m. FREE. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing. (517) 485-9190.
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.
Atheists and Humanists Meeting. "Appreciating Diversity Beyond Race." 5 p.m. FREE, \$9.65 buffet optional. Old Great Wall Restaurant, 4832 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing. (517) 914-2278.
Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. Third floor meeting room. 2-3 p.m. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 367-6300.

EVENTS

Lansing Area Sunday Swing Dance. Cash bar with restrictions. 6-10 p.m. \$8. Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4700 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing. (517) 490-7838.
Holiday Magic Invitation Open House. Esoteric healing, readings, food and more. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE. Inner Journey Books and Gifts, 4655 Dobbie Road, Suite 240, Okemos. (517) 347-8989.

MUSIC

Rachel York: A Cabaret Performance. Rachel York has been in "Anything Goes" and more. 7 p.m. \$37. Pasant Theatre, Bogue Street and Wilson Road, East Lansing. (517) 432-2000. whartoncenter.com.
MSU Opera Theatre: The Magic Flute. Kevin Noe, conductor; Melanie Helton, director. 8 p.m. \$20/\$18 Seniors/\$5 Students with ID. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Campus, East Lansing. (517) 353-5340.

Monday, November 25

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Learn to Meditate. Taught by Bob Teachout. Enter at rear of building. 8:15-9 p.m. Donations. C. Weaver

CENTRAL PHARMACY/CHIERIE INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Photo by Gaëlle Cassin-Ross

The locally owned and operated Central Pharmacy opened earlier this month on the corner of Mt. Hope and Pennsylvania avenues.



By ALLAN I. ROSS

In the age of mega-chain drugstores, it's unusual to hear about a locally owned pharmacy opening.

Apothecary Pharmacy in Lansing and **PGPA Pharmacy** in Okemos are two local stores that have kept up with the giants, but they've been around much longer — 87 years and 16 years, respectively.

Now Mike Salquist has joined the list. Earlier this month, he opened **Central Pharmacy** on the corner of Mt. Hope and Pennsylvania avenues. Salquist has been a registered pharmacist for 37 years. Most recently, he spent eight years at the nearby **Lansing Community Pharmacy**, which closed without notice to customers two weeks ago. It's now a satellite Rite-Aid location.

"It was a family owned place, but (the owners) decided to sell and not tell us," Salquist said. "I worked hard to get to know the clients. We developed a real

bond. When this opportunity came (to open Central Pharmacy) right down the street, I took it."

Salquist said Central Pharmacy compounds medication and fills prescriptions for both humans and animals. It also offers free delivery.

Dr. Joe Kozlowski's office, **Kosmic Family Practice**, is adjacent to the 1,200-square-foot store. The building, empty since **Grumpy's Diner** moved out of the location in 2011, recently underwent a major exterior and interior overhaul. It was featured as a City Pulse Eyesore of the Week in September, but a lot has changed since then.

"I think this building's actually become eye candy," Salquist said. "Can we get that changed?"

Going international

Sam Dixon and Sue Bunch opened **Chierie International Market** in Old Town on Nov. 2. Dixon said he hopes to fill a niche for specialty imported food.

"There are roughly 18,000 African refugees in Lansing,

and we're trying to (connect them) with the foodstuffs they like," Dixon said.

Many of the items are shipped directly from Africa, but he also gets items from various distributors throughout the Midwest. One item that's in: Vitamalt, a gingery non-alcoholic malt beverage that's hard to find in the area.

The location is the former home of **Haze Gallery**, a ceramic art gallery that became **Great Lakes Artworks** art co-op and moved next door in 2011.

Central Pharmacy

1003 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing
 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday;
 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday
 (517) 316-0711

Chierie International Market

304 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing
 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday;
 10-9 Friday-Saturday,
 1-8 Sunday, closed Monday
 (517) 484-9787

Physical Therapy Exercise Studio, 1720 Abbey Road, East Lansing. (517) 272-9379.

Metaphysical Mondays. Discussion, 7-8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 883-3414.

Zumba Gold. For seniors or beginners. 11 a.m.-Noon, \$8 drop-in rate, \$35 five-visit punch card, \$65 10-visit punch card. Kick it Out! Dance Studio, 1880 Haslett Road, East Lansing. (517) 582-6784.

Computer Training. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE. Faith United Methodist Church, 4301 S. Waverly Road, Lansing. (517) 393-3347.

Adult Rape Survivor Support Group. Pre-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. Find the right job or career. 10 am.-Noon, FREE. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

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

EVENTS

Homeschool Connect. Theme: Arts and photography. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 3. dtdl.org.
Social Bridge. Come 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. **Club Shakespeare.** Rehearsing "Scenes of Shakespeare." 6-8:45 p.m. Donations. CADL Downtown Lansing Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. (517) 348-5728. cadl.org.

Parade of Purses. For victims of violence. 6 p.m. FREE. Lansing City Hall Plaza, 124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

MUSIC

Open-Mic Blues Mondays. Solo, duo, band and spoken-word acts welcome. 6:30-10:30 p.m. FREE.

Out on the town

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Midtown Beer Co., 402 Washington Square, Lansing. (517) 977-1349.

MSU West Circle Series: A French Master: Claude Debussy. Featuring the most famous works of Debussy. 7:30 p.m. \$15/\$12 Seniors/\$5 Students with ID/FREE "Rush" if available. Fairchild Theatre, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

Tuesday, November 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Writing a Business Plan. Learn business plan basics. 6-7:45 p.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Anyone wanting to lose weight is welcome. 7 p.m. FREE to visit. Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids. (517) 543-0786.

Intro to Computers. Learn from professionals. 2:30-4 p.m. FREE. Capital Area Michigan Works, 2110 S. Cedar St., Lansing.

Lansing Area Codependents Anonymous. 5:45-6:45 p.m. Everybody Reads Books and Stuff, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 346-9900.

Healing Hearts. For those who have lost a loved one. 4-5:30 p.m. Women's Center of Greater Lansing, 1710 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. (517) 372-9163.

womenscenterofgreaterlansing.org.

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.

Water-media class. All skill levels, with Rebecca Stafford. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$60 for four weeks. Gallery 1212 Old Town, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517)999-1212. gallery1212.com.

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

Speakeasies Toastmasters. Become a better speaker. 12:05-1 p.m. FREE. Ingham County Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing. (616) 841-5176.

EVENTS

Tea & Talk. Salon Style discussions. 8 p.m. FREE. Triple Goddess New Age Bookstore, 1824 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing. (517) 883-3414. triplegoddessbookstore.net.

Lansing Christian School Grandparents Day.

Grandparents enjoy the talents of their grandkids. 12:45-3 p.m. Lansing Christian School, 3405 Belle Chase Way, Lansing. (517) 882-5779.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Tuesday Morning Book Club. L. Moriarty's "The Chaperone." 10:15-11:15 a.m. FREE. Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing. (517) 321-4014 ext. 4. dtld.org.

Wednesday, November 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

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) 272-9840.

Drawing Class. All skill levels, with Penny Collins. Pre-registration required. 6-8:30 p.m. \$60 for four weeks. Gallery 1212 Old Town, 1212 Turner St., Lansing. (517) 999-1212. gallery1212.com.

Drop-in Figure Drawing. Easels and drawing boards provided. 7-9:30 p.m. \$7, \$5 students.

Kresge Art Center, located at Physics and Auditorium roads, MSU Campus, East Lansing.

(517) 337-1170.

Overeaters Anonymous. 7 p.m. FREE. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 210 W. Saginaw Highway, Grand Ledge. (517) 256-6954.

EVENTS

Practice Your English. 7-8 p.m. FREE. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing. (517) 351-2420.

MUSIC

Sam Winternheimer Quartet. 7-10 p.m. Midtown Beer Co., 402 S. Washington Square, Lansing.

Marshall Music Ukulele Workshop. Hosted by Anna Zang. All ages and levels welcome. 6 p.m. FREE. Marshall Music, 3240 E. Saginaw St., Lansing. (517) 337-9700. marshallmusic.com.

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Free Will Astrology By Rob Breznsny

Nov 20-26

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The poet Charles Baudelaire prayed for help, but not to God -- rather he prayed to the writer Edgar Allan Poe. Novelist Malcolm Lowry sometimes pleaded with God to give him insight, but he also prayed to the writer Franz Kafka. I really like this approach to seeking guidance, and recommend it to you in the coming days. Which hero, dead or alive, could you call on to uplift you? What amazing character might bring you the inspiration you need? Be brazen and imaginative. The spirits could be of more help than you can imagine. Magic is afoot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): U.S. Confederate General Richard S. Ewell (1817-1872) sometimes experienced episodes in which he truly thought he was a bird. Princess Alexandria of Bavaria (1826-1875) believed that when she was young, she had eaten a glass piano. Then there was the Prussian military officer Gebhard Leberecht von Blucher (1742-1819), who imagined he was pregnant with an elephant. Sad and funny and crazy, right? And yet it's my understanding that all of us have fixed delusions. They are less bizarre than those I cited, but they can still be debilitating. What are yours, Taurus? Do you secretly believe that a certain turning point in your past scarred you forever? Are you incorrectly wracked with anger or guilt because of some event that may not have actually happened the way you remember it? Here's the good news: Now is an excellent time to shed your fixed delusions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Philosopher Eckhart Tolle suggests that "there may be one person who reflects your love back to you more clearly and more intensely than others." For some of us, this numinous reflection comes from a special animal. Whatever is the case for you, Gemini, I urge you to devote extra time to your relationship with this creature in the next 14 days. Meditate on how you could provide more nurturing and inspiration. Brainstorm about the possibility of deepening your connection. What practical actions could you take to boost your loved one's fortunes?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The Cancerian soprano Kirsten Flagstad was regarded as one of the great operatic singers of the 20th century. Critic Desmond Shawe-Taylor said that "No one within living memory surpassed her in sheer beauty and consistency of line and tone." She specialized in the operas of German composer Richard Wagner, whose master work, *The Ring of the Nibelung*, takes 15 hours to perform. Flagstad was asked to name the single most important thing she needed in order to perform Wagner's music with the excellence it demanded. Her answer: comfortable shoes. Regard that as good advice for your own life and work, Cancerian -- both literally and metaphorically. It's time to get really well-grounded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have you ever been in a social situation where you really didn't care what anyone thought of you and therefore felt absolutely free to act on your inner promptings? When was the last time you lost all your inhibitions and self-consciousness while making love? Can you truly say that sometime recently you have been totally responsive to your festive impulses? If you have experienced any blockages in expressing this type of energy, now is a perfect moment to fix that. You have a date with robust, innocent self-expression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Norwegian public television is experimenting with a phenomenon called Slow TV. In one reality show, the main character built a fire with logs and kept it burning for 12 hours. In another program, patient viewers watched for five days as a cruise ship made its way along the Norwegian coast. A third show featured a woman knitting a sweater from start to finish. I wish you would get hooked on slow-motion activities like those, Virgo. Maybe it would help you lower your thoughts-per-minute rate and influence you to take longer, deeper breaths and remember that relaxation is an art you can cultivate. And then

you would be in righteous alignment with the cosmic rhythms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're smarter than you think you are, and soon you will be even smarter. Previously inaccessible wisdom is seeping up from the depths of your subconscious mind, making its way to your conscious awareness. Your eyes are noticing more than they usually do. Your memory is working at peak levels. And your enhanced ability to entertain paradoxical ideas is giving you special insight into the nature of reality. What will you do with this influx of higher intelligence? I suggest you focus its full force on one of your knottiest problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): *The Paris Review* interviewed Mexican poet Octavio Paz. "Just how much revising do you do?" the interviewer asked. "I revise incessantly," Paz replied. "Some critics say too much, and they may be right. But if there's a danger in revising, there is much more danger in not revising. I believe in inspiration, but I also believe that we've got to help inspiration, restrain it, and even contradict it." I bring this up, Scorpio, because I believe you are ripe for a phase of intense revision. Inspiration has visited you a lot lately, but now it will subside for a while so you can wrangle all your raw material into graceful, resilient, enduring shapes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Costa Rica will be closing its zoos in 2014. What will happen to the 400 or so animals that are housed there? They will have to be rehabilitated at animal rescue centers and then released into the wild. I suspect there will be a metaphorically similar process going on for you in the coming months, Sagittarius. Parts of your instinctual nature will, in a sense, be freed from captivity. You will need to find ways to retrain your animal intelligence how to function outside of the tame conditions it got used to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Will fate kick your sweet ass sometime soon? Quite possibly. You may be compelled to face up to the consequences of your unloving actions or unconscious decisions. I'm pleased to tell you, however, that you might be able to dramatically minimize or even neutralize the butt-thumping. How? Go over the events of the last 11 months, and identify times when you weren't your very best self or didn't live up to your highest ideals. Then perform rituals of atonement. Express your desire to correct wrong turns. Give gifts that will heal damaged dynamics.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Grammy-winning singer-songwriter Bill Withers became a big star in the 1970s with hits like "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Lean on Me." But he hasn't recorded a new album since 1985, nor has he toured. What happened? In *Still Bill*, the documentary film about his life, Withers says, "I watch other people show off and I say, man, I used to want to show off. If I could just get, you know, moved to. I need a little injection in my showin' off gland." I wish you could get an injection like that, too, Aquarius. I'd like to see you show off more. Not in a contrived, over-the-top, Lady Gaga-esque way. Rather, the purpose would be to get more aggressive in showing people who you are and what you can do. I want your talents and assets to be better known.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): I have a feeling that your value will be rising in the coming weeks. An attractive person you thought was out of your league may express curiosity about you. You could get an offer to do an interesting job or task that you had previously considered unavailable. I bet your reputation will be growing, mostly for the better. Who knows? If you put a half-eaten piece of your toast for sale on eBay, it might sell for as much as if it were Justin Timberlake's toast. Here's the upshot: You should have confidence in your power to attract bigger rewards and more appreciation.

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Picking the right turkey for your table

Vendor/Farm	Local	Certified Organic	All-Natural	Free-Range	Fresh or Frozen	Price/lb.	Size (lbs.)
Better Health		●		●	Frozen	\$4.59	8-20
Cornwell's Turkeyville	●		●	●	Fresh	\$3.99	13-37
ELFCO	●		●		Fresh	\$3.29	14-30
Foods for Living		●	●		Fresh	\$2.79/ \$4.35	10-20
Horrock's		●	●		Fresh	\$1.69/ \$1.99	12-24
Mert's			●		Fresh	\$2.39	10-26
Monticello's			●		Frozen	\$1.79	14-26
Rural Route 5 Farm	●		●	●	Fresh	\$3.50	10-36
Spartan Country Meats	●		●	●	Fresh	\$4	15-25
Tom's Market	●		●		Fresh	\$2.99	15-28
Tom Otto Turkey Farm	●		●		Fresh	\$2.99	15-21

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Turkey time

How to localize your Thanksgiving feast

By LAURA JOHNSON

There's a wide selection of farms and vendors in the Lansing area offering Thanksgiving turkeys that are fresh (not frozen), all natural (no use of antibiotics or hormones), certified organic and/or free range. Knowing that your food was grown locally, humanely and healthfully is something to be thankful for — and allows you to support your local farmers and businesses.



Below is a roundup of some the Lansing area's key turkey pick-up locations. The information box at the end has price-per-pound information and sizes available.

THE BETTER HEALTH STORE

Better Health took orders for free-range Amish turkey this year but the cutoff date has passed. It does, however, have an in-store frozen option: Mary's Free Range Turkeys are certified organic from a family-owned and operated farm in California.

The Better Health Store, 305 N. Clippert St., Lansing. (517) 332-6892, thebetterhealthstore.com.

CORNWELL'S TURKEYVILLE

If you're up for a bit of a drive, Cornwell's Turkeyville has preservative-free fresh turkeys for \$3.99/pound, ranging from 13-37 pounds, on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning tomorrow. The free-range turkeys are raised on a nearby farm.

With their restaurant, ice cream parlor, gift shops and theater, it could make for a nice family day trip.

Cornwell's Turkeyville, 18935 15th Mile Road, Marshall. (269) 781-4293, turkeyville.com.

EAST LANSING FOOD COOPERATIVE

ELFCO takes advance orders for fresh, all natural turkeys from Tom Otto Turkey Farm (details below). While the cutoff date was Nov. 17, it's worth it to check to see if there are still some available as each year ELFCO orders extras.

East Lansing Food Cooperative, 4960 Northwind Dr., East Lansing. (517) 337-1266, elfco.coop/wp.

FOODS FOR LIVING

Foods for Living offers fresh Bell & Evans turkeys from Pennsylvania. You can choose an all-natural turkey for \$2.79 per pound or a certified organic turkey for \$4.35 per pound. All turkeys were raised indoors in a "modern, clean barn" with space to roam. The organic turkeys ate all-organic feed, but both birds are antibiotic free and had an all-vegetable diet.

Foods for Living, 2655 E. Grand River, East Lansing. (517) 324-9010, foodsforliving.com.

HORROCKS FARM MARKET

Starting this week, Horrocks has fresh turkeys ranging in a variety of sizes and options. Call to reserve one, or stop by the store.

Horrocks Farm Market, 7420 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. (517) 323-3782, shophorrocks.com.

MERT'S SPECIALTY MEATS

Mert's offers Amish turkeys delivered

Organic

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fresh from Indiana that are hormone- and antibiotic-free. Mert's has placed its seasonal order already, but a few sizes might still be available. It also sells separate turkey breasts, wings and drumsticks.

Mert's Specialty Meats, 1870 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 574-5014, mertsspecialtymeats.com.

MONTICELLO'S MARKET AND BUTCHER BLOCK

This year Monticello's is offering frozen, all natural turkeys from Jaindl Turkey Farms in Pennsylvania. These birds were raised on an all-vegetable diet and no antibiotics and, according to Jaindl's website, were "allowed free range access."

Monticello's Market and Butcher Block, 16912 Marsh Road, Haslett. (517) 339-9670, facebook.com/monticellosmarketandbutcherblock.

RURAL ROUTE 5 FARM

Phil Smith describes his family's all natural turkeys as "true free range." The birds were not given medications or hormones and ate a pasture-based diet supplemented with some grain, which Smith says helps give his turkeys their distinctive taste. This year the Smiths raised about 50 birds; most are already spoken for, but it's worth calling to check. They also offer deliveries to the Lansing area.

Rural Route 5 Farm, 4707 E. Price Road, St. Johns. (989) 314-3018.

SPARTAN COUNTRY MEATS

Another fresh option from a local farm. Christine Miller and her family raise and process their turkeys themselves. The birds ate a pasture and grain diet and were never given hormones or antibiotics. Miller says her customers give her turkeys rave reviews. She added that fresh turkeys take less time to cook than frozen birds.

Spartan Country Meats, Webberville. (517) 375-6337, spartancountrymeats.com.

TOM'S MARKET

Like ELFCO, Tom's Market offers fresh, all-natural turkeys raised on Tom Otto's Turkey Farm in Middleville. Orders are being accepted through Friday, and the birds will be delivered on Monday. \$2.99/pound, 15-28 pounds.

Tom's Market, 1619 W. Grand River Ave., Okemos. (517) 488-0600.

TOM OTTO TURKEY FARM

While Otto turkeys are offered at ELFCO and Tom's Market, for some it's more fun to make the hour-long drive out to the farm.

"For some people it's a real tradition to come out," Tom Otto said. "They can go see the turkeys if they want. It's like going to get the Christmas tree."

Otto and his wife raise their turkeys in open-air, free-range barns. The birds are free of antibiotics and growth hormones, and most of the feed is grown on site.

"It's a homegrown bird," Otto said. "You know where it came from."

He added that a major advantage of fresh birds is that they aren't injected with needles like frozen "pre-basted" turkeys. Otto's turkeys are mostly in the 15 to 21 pound range, but there are smaller and larger birds available. Otto recommends a pound per person. For smaller gatherings, Tom's offers separate turkey breasts, wings and drumsticks as well.

Tom Otto Turkey Farm, 7640 W. State Road, Middleville. (269) 795-3738, ottoturkeyfarm.com.

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- Cranberry sauce
- Rolls/Biscuits
- Pies/Desserts
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- Marshmallows
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- Flour/Butter/Eggs
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Meet Beatrice.

Born in New York and raised in California, Beatrice's childhood dream was to be a ventriloquist. As a kid, she would make her mom take her to the library so she could borrow ventriloquism videos to study. "They're the weirdest people," she says, "and I felt that that was my kind of community." She went on to study Sociology and Drama at a university in Colorado, and then completed her Master's Degree in Performance Studies at NYU. At 24, her ideal job now is to be an audio archivist, although she plans on returning to ventriloquism if all else fails. Her outlook on life has in part been influenced by her Buddhist upbringing. Her dad, a lifelong winemaker, met her mom at work in Maui in the '70s. At the time, Beatrice's mom was a rodeo queen, but she is now teaching at a Tibetan Meditation center in California. In her free time, Beatrice likes watching Scottish films, playing pool, painting, playing the violin, and coming up with ideas for graphic novels. She is always happy when she gets the chance to eat her grandmother's homemade Italian gnocchi. Beatrice is wearing the Geo Lace Demi Bra, Geo Lace Hipster Brief and Mohair Loose Cardigan.

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