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Garage owner Tony Schep and his 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner



When I got out of the Marines, I found out everybody started selling their cars because of the gas prices during the oil crisis.

These things only got eight or five miles to a gallon. I only drove this a couple of years, but it was too much of my life to sell it. So, I parked it for about 35 years and only got it out around three years ago.

This car was \$2,800 brand new. I was 17 when I went to the Northland Chrysler Plymouth dealer and bought it.

It had a lot of racing scars I had to clean up when I took it out. I did some major drag racing around Detroit at the Detroit Dragway, Milan Dragway and Motorcity Dragway.

When I lived in Detroit, it was nuts down there. I lived around Telegraph and Ford Road. All along Telegraph, there would be drive-in restaurants with 50 to 60 cars wanting to race and we would.

Later, we'd go on to I-696 with around 50 cars late at night. All the cars would stop traffic on the freeway in every lane to race. We would do about five races and by the time the police got there, we were gone.

The detail I enjoy the most is its big V8 with dual carburetors. This is my artwork. I basically took the whole thing apart, made it a bigger engine with more cubic inches putting in twice the fuel.

Today, when people talk about Chrysler it is all about the Hemi. But this is a special engine Chrysler used from around 1960 to 1965. In the '50s, they had a small group of crazy people like me who wanted to go fast and Chrysler turned them loose. This engine was called the Maximum Performance Wedge, and this car was the end of the Wedge.

They only made a few thousand of these. I have not seen another one like this in 10 years.

My second wife was not part of the scene when we went to a cruise a few years ago. The first year of the cruise, you could pull whole hot shots down there, but now they give you a \$500 ticket for squealing the tires.

I came up to a light and there had to be more than a 100 people yelling at me to light up the tires. I let it have it, the car didn't move and all the smoke started coming up.

My wife said "Tony, I've never seen this side of you before."

We were down there all night going nuts until I finally got pulled over at 5 a.m. The cop said, "Sir, don't you think it is time to take this thing home?" I said "Yeah, I probably should."

(This interview was edited and condensed by Dennis Burck. If you have a recommendation for "Favorite Things," please email dennis@lansingcitypulse.com.)



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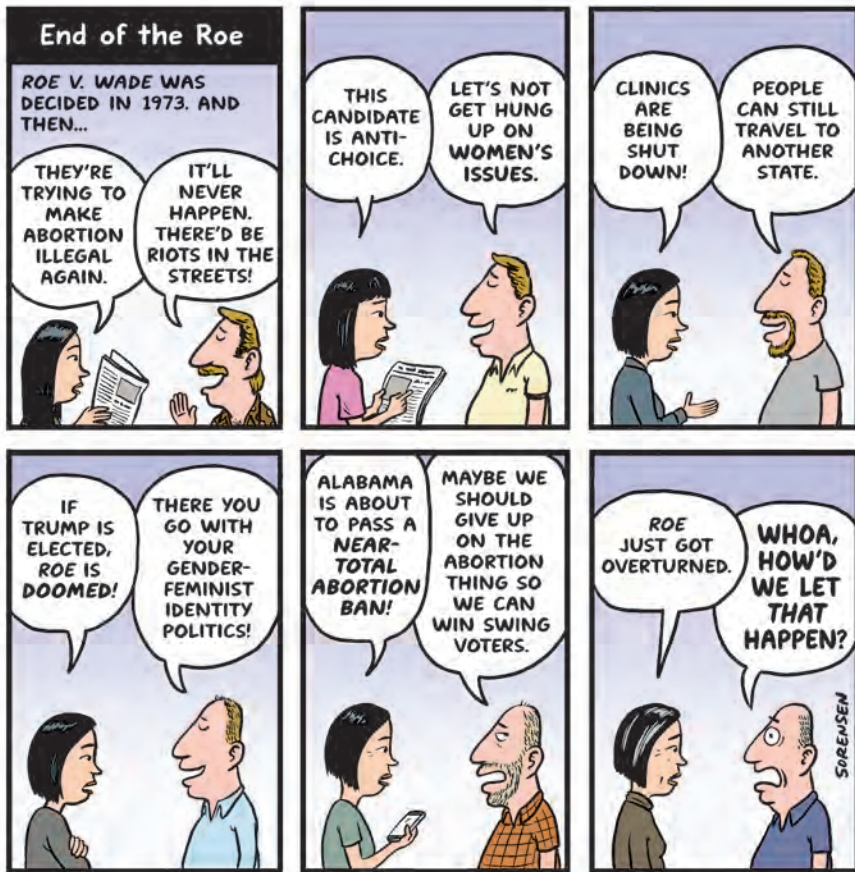
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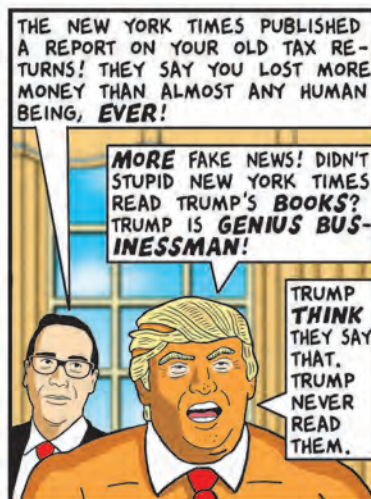
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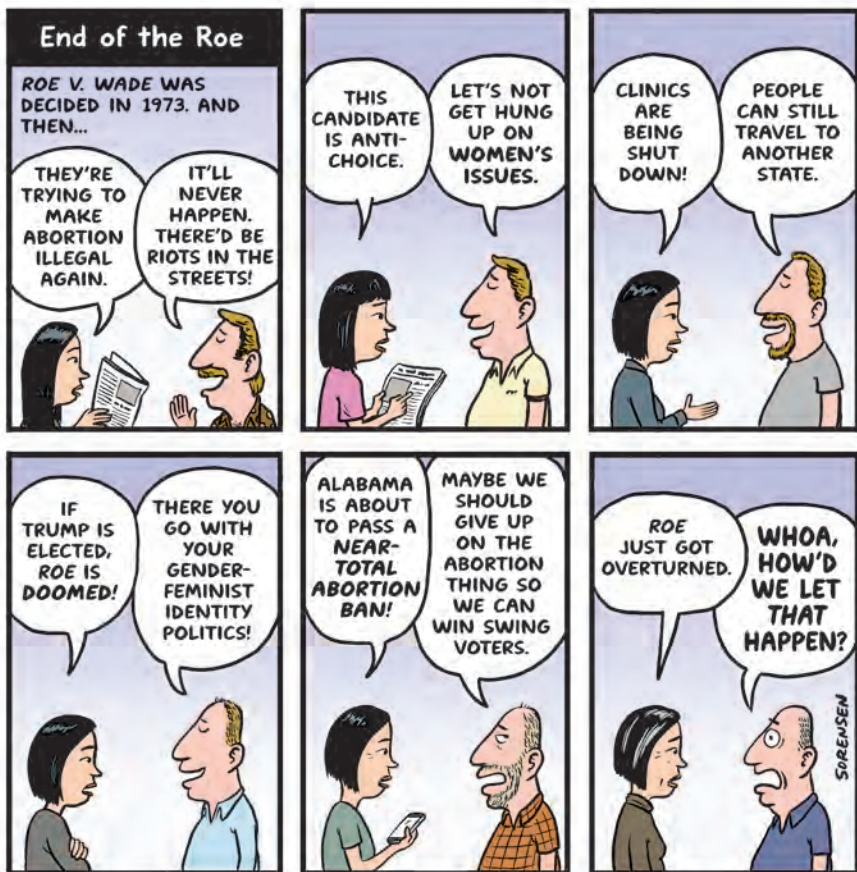
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Flexibility key to performing arts center

Consultant: No slam dunk but no pipe dream either

Whoever is in charge of raising the curtain on a downtown performing arts center in Lansing can sit back and take a smoke break. It's going to take some serious researching and soul-searching to come up with a design that works. And there might not even be a curtain.

That's the takeaway from the first round of findings, which were presented Friday by a national consultant hired to shepherd the city through a complex and multi-faceted process.

"We think this is possible, but it's going to take an innovative approach," Michele Walter, lead consultant for Connecticut-based AMS Planning & Research, told the facilities committee of the Mayor's Art and Culture Commission Friday. The city retained AMS for a \$105,000 study, paid for with private funds — \$40,000 in cable fees from the Lansing Public Media Center.

Walter reported on the findings of a survey of potential users that drew 86 responses from 77 organizations, from individual artists to regional promoters to major players like the Capital City Film Fest and the Lansing Symphony.

Based on those findings, she said a successful facility would require "a very broad and nontraditional notion of content," along the lines of the flexible, technologically advanced box venues going up around the country, and would have to reach out to a regional market.

"Getting it right will be hard and you'll have to be quite inventive," she said. "A traditional 2,000-seat shoebox concert hall or proscenium stage is not going to work."

Among the facility's prospective users are a score of smaller local arts organizations with small budgets, national promoters who cut tough deals to bring touring acts to the area, and the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, which operates on a razor thin margin. That means a money-making facility is not in the cards.

A reliable source of revenue will be essential, Walter told the group, which



Courtesy photo

SoundBox in San Francisco is a flexible, multi-use hall where the San Francisco Symphony and other groups perform in a technological "sonic paradise."

met at the Lansing Center, whether it comes from a dedicated percentage of a hotel or convention tax, a millage, parking fees or some combination.

"It will not break even on its own," Walter said. "It's going to require a subsidy, and no one thinks there's enough annual philanthropy available to sustain an enterprise of this magnitude."

Walter was hesitant to pin down the prospective cost of the facility. "We were hearing \$30-to-40 million, and it's very hard for us to imagine getting there," she said. "If you told us \$50-to-\$60 million, we'd go, 'maybe.'"

"This is possible, but it's going to take an innovative approach. Getting it right will be hard and you'll have to be quite inventive."

— Michelle Walter,
Lead consultant for
AMS Planning & Research

If the project isn't a slam dunk, it's not a pipe dream, either.

The consultants' research showed that the potential market for such a facility is "growing slowly but steadily,"

with a growth rate projected at 2 percent over the next five years.

"Performance space is the primary need, by far," Walter said. "In terms of building form, we're talking about a music venue."

The Wharton Center is nearby, but it's too big for many uses and it's operating at capacity, Walter said.

Wharton's crowded schedule makes it hard for the Lansing Symphony to schedule its concerts on optimal dates and accommodate the best guest soloists' schedules.

When the consultants ran the numbers for a large hall, the "sweet spot," as expected, was a venue with 1,000 to 1,500 seats, filling a major gap in the tri-county region.

The average Lansing Symphony MasterWorks audience is 1,000 (1,200 for pops concerts), "right in the sweet spot of the venue size we're talking about," Walter said.

But the symphony may have to roll with some big changes. Survey respondents were interested in flexibility, not a fixed proscenium.

Courtney Millbrook, executive direc-



Waverly Golf Course shacks

These decaying shacks along Saginaw Highway will soon be razed as a mixed-use development heads to the former Waverly Golf Course. But it certainly doesn't make them any less of an eyesore in the meantime.

Most of the windows are boarded up, but their moss-covered interiors can still get plenty of sunlight from the gaping holes in their rooftops. The front doors can sometimes be found wide open. They're eye-catching for all the wrong reasons.

The developers agree. That's why they are tearing them down "in the very near future," said Jay Parnes, vice president of Florida-based Northern Capital Investments, the company that bought 120-acre swathe of land last September. "We're still looking at 2019 for our first phase of construction. It's a little tricky for us to set an exact timeline."

Northern Capital bought the Lansing Township site last year from the city of Lansing for \$2.2 million. The project will include various retail, office and residential space — including a gas station, car wash, restaurants and a senior center. Construction could continue for up to a decade.

"It's 120 acres, so this is a long-term project," Parnes added. "This is a long-term play for us, and we're looking at a lot of different options. We have that purchase agreement in place. We're being very patient and we're very excited to get things moving over there."

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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Another judge opposes district court consolidation

'Courts should reflect community'; mayors say it's a moot point

Plans to unify district courts in Ingham County are facing friction from yet another judge who would rather keep East Lansing and Lansing separated from the rest of the county.

Newly elected Lansing District Judge Cynthia Ward urged the Lansing City Council to reject plans to consolidate local district courtrooms.

"Judges should reflect the community in which they serve," wrote Ward, who sits on the 54A District bench with Hugh Clarke, another opponent to consolidation. "Such a scenario may strain the public's confidence in our judicial system. A judiciary lacking confidence is a compromised judiciary. When citizens do not trust the courts, they will look to other means to resolve their disputes."

But mayors Andy Schor of Lansing and Mark Meadows of East Lansing said countywide elections for judges are off the table. Current plans revolve around consolidated courts that maintain separate election districts for Lansing, East

Lansing and the rest of the county. And that should quell Ward's concerns.

"We're still working on the language, but countywide elections are no longer on the table," Meadows explained.

Schor confirmed the latest version of consolidation plans would force judges to maintain a home in one of three districts where their courtrooms are located.

But that doesn't mean plans to consolidate district courtrooms are losing steam, officials emphasized.

"I am supportive of consolidating courts for efficiencies and effectiveness," Schor said. "I am supportive of voters in Lansing electing their own judges and having juries of those from Lansing. That seems to be the plan on the table. I am supportive of making that change as part of any final deal."

Initial plans would have also shifted the county's eight district court judges into a countywide election, pushing Judge Clarke to voice concern that an out-county, electoral tilt would make it more difficult for people of color to adequately represent minority demographics in a diverse city like Lansing.

Ward, who like Clarke is African American, brought up on those same



Lansing District Judge Cynthia Ward

concerns this week, noting that a diverse judiciary "boosts public confidence" within the local court system. But regardless of race, judges ought to live in the area where they work, she said. Theoretically, under the prior plans, every future 54A District Court judge could've lived outside of the city.

"I understand some will argue that where a judge lives has little to do with a judge's ability to administer justice fairly. But let's remember that the court

exists for the people and not the judges," Ward wrote. "The public's confidence in our justice system is enhanced when you have judges who are representative of the community."

Ward also wanted to avoid any "institutional barriers" to a diverse judiciary that could be created through consolidation. Consolidation should be more focused on improving the delivery of "fair and impartial" justice rather than finding any cost savings. She suggested the cities stand aside to leave the decisions to local judges.

"Because merging buildings and a significant cost savings are no longer driving the discussion, let's respect the historical jurisdictions of our courts and leave the discussion about operation efficiencies to the judges. Let the judges examine what the specific needs of the community are."

Besides Ward and Clarke, East Lansing 54B District judges Andrea Larkin and Richard Ball have expressed skepticism that the savings will be sufficient to justify consolidation.

55th District Court Judge Tom Boyd, a leading advocate of consolidation, said Ward's recent opposition is "ridiculous."

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tor of the Lansing Symphony, wasn't surprised.

"That's the trend," Millbrook said. "You'd be hard-pressed to find any traditional single-use concert hall built anywhere in the world."

Other potential content for the large hall includes touring live music and comedy, which Walter described as "underrepresented in this community," and youth and family content.

That's good news, she said, because venue planners can avoid the expense of a fly tower, the tall backstage space full of rigging and scenery like the one at Wharton. She said they run in the neighborhood of \$12 million.

But would the symphony embrace a so-called "sticky floor" venue?

"The stage has to be big enough and we have to have a certain quality of sound," Millbrook said. "If the seats are moveable, or not moveable, so a rock

and roll band can be there the next day, that's OK."

Walter showed the group four recently built venues with features such as mechanized seating and state-of-the-art sound systems that provide the flexibility to keep a venue buzzing as many days and nights of the year as possible.

Soundbox San Francisco, developed first as a minimal \$10 million rehearsal space for the San Francisco Symphony, brought new audiences to the symphony, and other users are using the space for virtual reality experiences, parties and hybrid art forms.

The \$60 million Anthem in Washington, D.C., a hotter-than-hot commercial venue developed in 2017 as part of the massive District Wharf riverfront development, has a movable stage allows capacity to vary from 2,500 seated country music lovers to 6,000 standing hip-hop fans. Tanger Center in Greensboro, North Carolina, set to open next year, is a \$78 million, 3,000-seat performing arts center that uses high-tech features to accommodate touring acts for 3,000 patrons to

a symphony that draws about 1,000 people.

The New World Symphony Center in Miami Beach has a capacity of only 750, but "wallcasts" project sound and image to spectators seated in the park outside the hall. That hall cost \$160 million, but it was designed by Frank Gehry and is "tricked out technologically," Walter said.

The potential user survey also showed a "fair amount of interest in a small venue" in greater Lansing. A "sweet spot" of 200 to 300 seats would accommodate 13 organizations and be used 132 times a year. The data suggested that a black box-style space would be the most optimal.

"You have a lot of really small theater groups getting 15, 20 people at a show, a lot of meetings for under 400 people," she said. She urged the committee to consider including a small venue "as part of a bigger solution" or as part of a longer-term cultural master plan.

Walter cautioned that the consultants' next step, an in-depth "activity profile" of each organization, may result in different user numbers.

To fill out the picture, Walter's team will roll out a broad-based online community survey in the next few weeks, to "confirm demand" and to "provide information that will help carry the water in selling this project." A financial feasibility study, to see how much money can be raised from public and private sources, usually comes next. An "operational model" is planned to take form by September.

The potential user survey results included a comment Walter heard over and over.

"The users were saying, 'We don't just want another venue. It has to be something different, something unique to Lansing,'" she said.

Dominic Cochran, co-director of the Capital City Film Festival, strongly agreed.

"Whatever we build has to have a soul," Cochran said.

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The cancer in our midst

But is the cure the tried and true or a bold, even radical agenda?

A few months ago, I found an interesting read in an airport bookstore that sought to predict the geopolitics of the 21st century. It was written in 2009 by George Friedman, the CEO of a leading private intelligence company, and it's already gotten some things wrong — e.g., China did not fragment by 2020 — but it nonetheless contained some provocative ideas.

One is American politics has realigned every half-century or so, and we're due for another realignment in the next decade. The last realigning president, Friedman writes, was Ronald Reagan, who reversed the social-welfare-expanding agenda of the previous realigning president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who offered a course correction to the rapid industrialization set in motion by Rutherford B. Hayes' monetary policy, and so on. That means a president elected in 2028 or 2032 will probably set the tone for the rest of my life.

For the sake of my mental health — and democracy — I'm going to hope that Donald Trump isn't a harbinger of that realignment, but rather the last gasp of a boomer generation being



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supplanted by socialism-curious millennials and Gen Zs. More pointedly, my hope is that Trump's presidency proves an ultimately useful shock to the system, something that awoke us to the cancer in our midst.

Defeating him, as I wrote last week, is but the first step to eradicating this malignancy. The next president will also have to begin an arduous process of repairing the institutions Trump and his Republican accomplices have gleefully sledgehammered.

It will be an almost impossible job. Getting it could be even more difficult.

On the one hand, Trump's approval ratings have been stuck in the low-to-mid-40s, even with record-low unemployment and solid economic growth, two variables that normally augur a glide to a second term. On the other, Trump is not a normal president. He can't stop himself from being an unlovable narcissist, and his pathological need for the fawning adoration of his base prevents him from expanding his support. He's a bad politician in a good politician situation, and the media has no idea how to handle him.

This is the context in which the Democratic primary's cattle call is happening. I won't pretend to have smart takes on the million-and-a-half people with their eyes on the throne, or tell you I have any insight into what will happen over the next six months.

But the philosophical question that will animate the Democratic primary isn't a mystery: Is the next president's job to offer the country a sober, take-a-deep-breath reset — an antidote to Trump's crazy-making — or to push a bold, even radical agenda?

Within that question lie two others, more practical in nature: Which kind of candidate is more likely to defeat Trump? And which, if elected, is more likely to move his or her agenda through Congress?

Joe Biden's theory is that he'll appeal to working-class and suburban white voters in the Midwest, the ones who didn't like Hillary Clinton but are turned off by Trump's antics and want a return to bipartisan compromise and general governmental sanity. In office, he'll move the ball incrementally and competently by negotiating deals with Republicans; in his view, Trump is the problem, and once he's gone, the Republicans will come to their senses.

The opposite view, espoused by Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, is that Democrats win by giving progressive and disaffected voters something to believe in — Medicare for All, the Green New Deal — and giving everyone else an unambiguous choice. And when they win, they'll have done so with enough of a mandate to muscle their agenda through Congress (and get around or abolish the filibuster).

Of course, there are plenty of candidates who fall between these poles, and most candidates would say they'll try to both energize the base and appeal to Trump voters — though, especially in a growing economy, this strikes me as more of a rhetorical than realistic solution.

In this dichotomy, however, most of postwar political history would lean

toward Biden. Presidential elections with incumbents are referendums on the incumbents. If he's popular and the economy is good, he wins. If not and it's not, he doesn't. The opponent only matters at the margins, so it's better to go with a safe choice like Biden than a riskier one like Sanders or Warren. That is the essence of Biden's electability argument.

But in most of postwar political history, an inexperienced, mendacious libertine like Trump would have been unthinkable as president. Times have changed: The GOP has been radicalized, and America has become polarized. There are few actual swing voters. Indeed, Clinton lost not because of Barack Obama supporters who went for Trump, but because of Obama supporters who stayed home. Come 2020, the MAGA base will turn out. Democrats need to match their enthusiasm; to do that, their nominee needs to inspire them.

That's what Joe Biden misreads about the moment. And it's not really his fault: For most of his career, the campaign he's running would have been the right thing to do. It's just not the right thing to do now. And the presidency Biden wants to have makes a similar miscalculation: The election isn't about beating Trump. It's about defeating his nihilistic movement and the once-proud Republican Party that has surrendered to it. So this isn't a time for bipartisan bonhomie. It's a time to win, and then it's a time to act.

Not as payback, but because there are real problems that need solving. The climate isn't going to stop warming all by itself.

(Jeffrey Billman is the editor of INDY Week, in Durham, North Carolina.)

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He argued that where any given judge lives has no bearing on the adequacy of justice for defendants in the courtroom. Consolidation wouldn't erode public trust and would do little to change the current representation, he said.

"Up until a couple years ago, I lived in Meridian Township," Boyd added. "There are no judges that live in Meridian Township and no judges that live in Lansing Township. There are no judges that live in 14 of the 16 townships in Ingham County. Does that mean these places somehow have an inferior level of justice?"

Boyd added: "Consolidation might not get done this year because there are these parochial sentiments being flamed by some of the judges, but eventually this is going to happen. The constitution calls for a neutral and detached arbiter of justice. How neutral and detached are these judges that are just clinging on to their cities?"

Local officials have until November to hash out a formal plan for consolidation before the legislative mechanism that allows the merger expires. Schor hopes to bring a proposal to City Council before October. Officials in East Lansing and Ingham County will also have the final say before consolidation can take place.

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Fix the damn insurance

No-fault and roads are tied as the voters' biggest concerns. What will Whitmer do? What can she do?

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer started meeting individually with the Republican Senate majority leader and House speaker this week in the hopes of crafting a deal that will raise more road funding money while making cost-saving reforms to the state's auto insurance law.

In the past, Sen. Mike Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, and Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, have met with the Democratic governor in a group setting with Democratic legislative leaders. Now, days after both chambers pushed out significant, wholesales changes to Michigan's no-fault law, she's taking meetings one-on-one.

"The governor has always made it clear she is willing to work with anyone who is willing to work with her," said Whitmer Press Secretary Tiffany Brown. "The administration looks forward to ongoing discussions to find real solutions that improve our roads and benefit Michigan residents."

Shirkey told reporters he'd be "delighted" to meet with the governor. Chatfield said, "As I've always said, I'm willing to work with anyone and

everyone to reform our broken car insurance system. I look forward to my meeting with the governor to talk about how we can best lower car insurance rates." Publicly, Whitmer has been a blank slate on the state's auto no-fault law. She's not in support of "red-lining," the banning of selling insurance to people in certain areas. She believes state regulators should have more power in determining rates.

But when it comes to the salient issues — consumer choice on personal injury protection coverage as opposed to mandatory lifetime coverage, a fee schedule for hospitals and other providers, how a fraud authority should be set up — she's kept her powder dry.

She's been all about "fixing the damn roads" and letting the Legislature take auto insurance as its big issue. Now that auto insurance could be on her plate any day, the coming negotiations will signal whether the current split leadership makeup can accomplish major policy reforms or is destined to devolve into a do-nothing hyper-partisan pissing match that voters routinely expect out of Washington, D.C.

Interesting, both issues — car insurance and road conditions — are tied at 23% as the voters' top legislative priority, according to recent Target Insyght poll commissioned by

MIRS.

Riding the strong public momentum toward auto no-fault reform, legislative Republicans pushed out measures last week that were surprisingly comprehensive and had defenders of the current system on their heels.

Skeptics of the Legislature's no-fault auto insurance reform plan shifted their criticism. The new line is that allowing drivers to lower their personal injury protection coverage will cost taxpayers more in higher Medicaid costs.

Steven Sinas, the legal counsel for the Coalition to Protect Auto No Fault, said the real debate over SB 1 and HB 4397 is about health care coverage. Both bills, he said, create

broken, we need systems like no-fault to come in and pay for medical treatment that arises out of a crash," Sinas said.

The Senate Fiscal Agency put these costs at \$65.9 million over 10 years. The Michigan Association of Justice jumped on this cost shift in its eight-point opposition statement.

"The bills are so weak and full of holes," the association said in a press release Tuesday, that families who pick the cheapest personal injury protection options or get in the most catastrophic car accidents "will go bankrupt and end up on taxpayer-funded health care."

HB 4397 sponsor Rep. Jason Sheppard, R-Temperance, called the arguments "scare tactics" that are not grounded in reality. For one, Medicaid — unlike Michigan's current unlimited lifetime catastrophic coverage — operates on a provider fee schedule, so the costs connected to care will naturally be lower.

Also, if a person is seriously injured in an at-home accident or is diagnosed with a terminal disease, health insurance or Medicaid picks up the tab.

"Why is it that if I'm inside something with four wheels and a seat, I get different insurance coverage?" Sheppard asked.

The three-term House member also noted that if covering the expenses of car accident victims with catastrophic injuries was such a large cost driver, the 49 other states that count on a person's health insurance to pick up the tab should have higher premium costs than Michigan.

They do not, he said.

(Kyle Melinn of the Capitol news service MIRS is at melinnky@gmail.com.)

Now that auto insurance could be on her plate any day, the coming negotiations will signal whether the current split leadership makeup can accomplish major policy reforms or is destined to devolve into a do-nothing hyper-partisan pissing match that voters routinely expect out of Washington.

"government no-fault."

It would be a cost shift. Ratepayers' auto insurance bill may go down, but everybody's taxes would go up to pay for the catastrophic injuries of Medicaid-eligible drivers who opted out of unlimited lifetime benefits.

"What we have here in America is a broken health care system, and because that health care system is



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POLITICS

Notice of Public Hearing

The Ingham County Housing Commission has developed its 2019 Annual Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Plan is available for review at the Housing Commission Office located in Carriage Lane Apartments, 3882 Dobie Rd. Okemos, MI. The Housing Commission office hours are Monday – Friday 8am-5pm. Please call 517-349-1643 for an appointment. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday June 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room of Carriage Lane Apartments. Public is welcome.

Shanda. Johnston
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Margarita Fest: A glimpse of beach life in Lansing

By DENNIS BURCK

The Lansing riverfront will transform into a Jimmy Buffett-approved safe haven for “tourists” to wear Hawaiian shirts, flip-flops and seashell necklaces for its second annual Margarita Fest, sponsored by Lansing City Pulse and the Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority.

The festival will feature up to 15 local area bars, restaurants and distilleries vying for a shot at winning Lansing’s title of best margarita alongside entertainment from steel drum band Third Coast Steel, traveling mariachi troupe Mariachi Cristal

and Jammin DJs.

“Margarita Fest gives a great oppor-

tunity to showcase the local restaurants and builds up an area underutilized in the riverfront to kick off summer,” Scott Keith, president and CEO of LEPFA said. “We have a ton of festivals and events this year, and it is fitting this first one is just looking for fun.”

Last year’s festival sold out, he added. It saw 700 attendees. This year, 200 tickets have been added. VIP tickets have sold out, but general admission is still available, though going fast.

The celebration will also feature a costume contest. Patrons are encouraged to dress up in their most egregious and flaunty tourist-wear for the competition. LEPFA staff members will be weaving through the audience to highlight patrons with the best costume. Narrowed down to a handful of contestants, audience cheers will judge the winner who will receive free admission to next year’s festival.

“I love to see people coming out having a great time,” Keith said.



Theresa Rosado/City Pulse

Attendees enjoy the drinks at last year's Margarita Fest.

“Last year, we had people from all ages and walks of life attending. I love it when people from all backgrounds and demographics can get together to enjoy all the music and food right along the riverfront.”

Food trucks Fire and Rice, Maria’s Tacos, The Smoke ‘N’ Pig BBQ and Sweet Sensations will be on hand to offer fresh food and desserts. There will

also be a full-service bar for drinks and cocktails for those looking outside margaritas.

Admission includes 15 samples of signature margaritas. All attendees must be 21 or older. Last year’s winner was MP Social with a beet juice-based margarita. The winning recipe was fresh lime, lemon and beet juice with an orange-infused simple syrup.

Giving kids the arts education they deserve

How one mom works to fill Lansing’s gap

By AUDREY MATUSZ

After 4 p.m., four days a week, the voices and laughter of students can still be heard through the halls of Lewton Elementary School in south Lansing.

“Aristocats KIDS!”

Hope-Central Urban Arts Friday, May 17 – Saturday May 18 \$0 - \$20 Gardner Elementary School 333 Dahlia Dr. Lansing www.hope-central.org

Thursday, despite the on-and-off showers, close to 40 students gathered outside under a pavilion rehearsing for a theatrical production of “The Aristocats.”

While about 20 students stand “onstage” rehearsing lines, one runs sound and marks cues in the script and the rest are either behind instruments or lost in a book.



Audrey Matusz/City Pulse

AnnaMaria Horn pauses rehearsal to demonstrate blocking to students.

Regardless of their involvement, these children are safe and finding a place in their community.

Six years ago, AnnaMaria Horn, a gospel singer and mother of six, was “mortified” when she learned her children’s school, among several others in Lansing, cut their art programs.

“I knew in suburban areas that isn’t an issue, so what’s going to happen to our kids?” Horn said.

Horn, 44, and her husband, who are trained actor-musicians, knew they could offer an arts education to their children. However, Horn said it didn’t seem right that their children would be among the only artists in the class. Starting in 2014, Horn turned her “informal” after-school acting classes into a nonprofit, called Hope-Central Urban Arts.

Cats being cats

Part of the tradition of this family-operated program is an annual play directed by Horn and her team of local

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Education

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specialists. This year, Hope-Central is staging a production inspired by the 1970 animated film "The Aristocats." The production includes jazzy numbers such as "Ev'rybody Wants To Be A Cat" in a way children will enjoy, Horn said.

A monthly music class is the only remnant of the arts program at Lewton, whose music, a few students say, is "boring."

Horn said that the music taught in school is "very Eurocentric" and often presented without historical context. After attending one rehearsal, it is apparent that what the students lack in experience, they make up for with

enthusiasm and style.

Drum instructor Monique Stephens simplified the swinging percussion sections to reflect more contemporary boom-bap drum beats. A hip-hop emphasis seems to resonate with students who improvise on choreographed footwork to hit a "Roy Purdy," "milly rock" or other popular hip-hop dance moves. The open environment created by the Hope-Central leaders goes beyond supervision: It's culturally expansive.

In addition to theater, the program has specialists brought in from the Lansing school district or Horn's personal circle of local artists and educators. Through Hope-Central, students can learn various instruments and art-related trades from drawing to audio engineering.

Parent Heidi Fei said she started

noticing a change in her daughter's behavior when she started taking acting and ukulele classes through Hope-Central.

"Whenever we prod her like 'show us, show us,' she's a little timid about it and this is really helping her get more comfortable demonstrating her talents with other people," Fei said. "I'm not a musical person and we are really happy that she is exploring different things."

For Horn, one of the biggest burdens of being an artist is giving back to the community. Hope-Central has made a point of making seasonal trips to retirement homes where the children sing retro-pop classics. Horn admitted that getting the children on board with the old-school repertoire was a challenge at first, but in the end, even her most reluctant student "cried when they had to leave." This was the first year they couldn't afford to make the tour.

Urban arts matter

When she isn't subbing for teachers in the pre-K through sixth grade building, Horn directs and coordinates with instructors without compensation. Horn says the greatest challenge running the urban arts program has been getting funding.

"We were at risk of not having a program this year," Horn said. "We are

looking at \$6,000 for the year, which is more than half of what we brought in. I'm not sure what we will do next year."

The annual fee to participate in the Hope-Central Urban Arts Program is \$20, all of which goes toward stage uniforms. All seven instructors have a small monthly stipend, but occasionally they go above and beyond their requirements. A large portion of the funds goes toward transportation for students who elected school of choice to benefit from Lewton's Spanish immersion program. According to Horn, nearly 60 of the 120 participants in the program do not have reliable transportation.

Horn said in the five years of the non-profit, she has been unsuccessful getting local grants.

Regarding networking in arts education, Horn says, "I'm a mom of six children. It's not that I'm not interested in attending the different meetings around town, we just have to prioritize. One negative stereotype about families with an urban core is that we don't care."

The reality for many families involved with Hope-Central is both parents are working to feed multiple children.

"Then you add the social ills or what if the car breaks down? There are no breaks for parents at the urban core," Horn said.

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A shrink and former atheist hash it out

By **TOM HELMA**

Why do we think the way we think, act the way we act?

Review While many have pondered these questions, few have explored them as deeply as Sigmund Freud.

“Freud’s Last Session”

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“Freud’s Last Session” takes place in the psychologist’s study in England during World War II — when wailing raid sirens and bombers flying overhead

were daily occurrences.

Michael Hayes as Freud and Brian DeVries as author C.S. Lewis make a convincing mismatched pair. Freud is 83 years old, ailing from mouth cancer and planning his suicide. He is confronted by the much younger Lewis, a writer and essayist on Christian thinking.

Ostensibly, Lewis is there to offer an apology of sorts for having humorously characterized Freud in one of his writings.

What follows, however, is a spirited and argumentative 80-minute dialogue about the existence of God and a thorough thrashing of the differences between the philosophy of a man of faith and a man of reason.

Freud is seemingly no less passionate during his decline. He is an angry soul determined to end his days on his own terms. With no hesitancy, he attacks



Courtesy Photo

Michael Hayes as Sigmund Freud

what he sees as Lewis’ irrational notions about faith.

Hayes is breathtakingly brilliant in this role. He shuffles back and forth across stage, with body aches and pains apparent, but none the less sharp and biting in his passion for reason. At one point, he engages Lewis in a classic therapy session — all empathy and

ensued with delicate and effective confrontation.

Lewis’ contributions to the conversation are measured and calm. DeVries’ Lewis holds his own and stands tall as the representative of faith, even as Freud’s ideas come across with accompanying spittle.

There is a moment where both are reduced to abject fear of an unseemly death by the sound of the bombers overhead — a grudging acknowledgment that neither blind faith nor intellectual reasoning can fully address the moment.

Director Rob Roznowski of MSU keeps the dialogue moving and the intensity rising throughout the show. Josiah Masvero is listed as production designer, assembling a set of furniture and props that make the black box setting entirely believable.

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Wuu joins symphony for grand season finale

By **LAWRENCE COSENTINO**

It’s a delight to get schooled by your home town orchestra. I thought Dmitri Shostakovich’s “Festive Overture” was a blaring, banal affair, but apparently, my problem was that I hadn’t yet heard the Lansing Symphony perform it. To kick off Friday’s season finale, brass managed to sculpt the “Midnight Mattress Madness Sale” opening fanfare into a truly noble clarion call. Eyeblink-quick convolutions of woodwind work — miles of twisting melody — were packed into the next few minutes with astonishing deftness.

Guest pianist Elliot Wuu tumbled

into Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 21, almost in a rush, but he added weight and focus as he went along, creating a rich study in light and shade. His mastery of contrast, pacing and drama never cramped his playfulness. The result was a natural effusion of unforced beauty. Each note seemed to float in the air, like a droplet of water vapor — a rainbow totality emerging from a thousand suspended prisms.

Season finales always end with a big showcase for the entire orchestra, and Rachmaninov’s “Symphonic Dances” was no exception. Straight out of the gate, a thumping, gymnastic figure, three notes played three times, rolled

across the stage like a trio of bear cubs under a blanket.

When the tumult subsided, the winds and reeds, beginning with principal oboist Stephanie Shapiro and principal clarinet Guy Yehuda, raked a perfect Zen garden for saxophonist Joe Luloff to emerge from the shadows with a series of soulful solos. With each round, Luloff poured purpler puffs of perfection into the ether.

The violins, with a muscular rumble of piano, picked up the melodic ball and it was time for sheer rapture. The bear-ish bounce returned, the dance energy accelerated into the requisite storm and the extra-large orchestra delicately “dinked” the first of two patented Rachmaninov soft landings.

The joy of this enthralling performance came from the fusion of a huge, grand sound and an air of tender intimacy. A demonic undertow made it even more compelling. In the middle innings, a haunting violin solo by concertmaster Ran Cheng set the table for a dream sequence of soft-focus waltzes. Soon the forces gathered, like they do, for what seemed to be a big finish, but instead — another “dink.” They love to tease you that way. The fireworks were reserved for the finale, a syncopated salvo of stomps and flourishes suitable for a grand goodbye.


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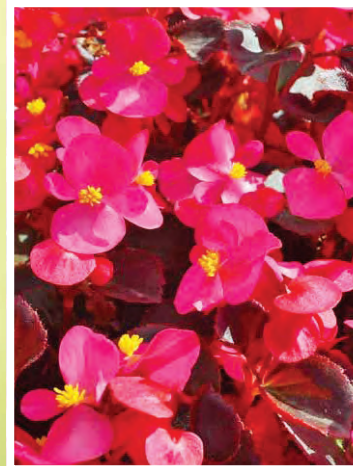
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If you're expecting another blast of over-the-top ballyhoo to kick off this magisterial, 48-page edition of City Pulse, think again.

The Final Five phase of City Pulse's Top of the Town contest is no time for crass hype. The delicate task of choosing, once and for all, the best of everything in greater Lansing must be approached with reverence.

Nearly 100,000 votes have done the collective work of narrowing down the manifold choices life in Lansing offers us.

As the great contest sharpens into focus, it is time to consult the wisdom of the ages.

Lao Tzu teaches us: "the Ten Thousand Things rise and fall while the Self watches their return."

Sure enough, here they are — maybe not 10,000, but still a hell of a lot of things.

It's tempting to cast yarrow stalks upon the ground and find a hexagram from the I Ching that will simplify the choice, but that would profane the Book of Changes and baffle many local restaurants and retail businesses.

Some of you may be tempted to cast your final votes by ruling out four of the five choices, but again the wisdom of the ages cautions us otherwise.

Marie Kondo teaches us that the

process of elimination does not spark joy.

"Identifying the things that make you happy; that is the work of tidying."

Find a cozy voting alcove and sink into inner stillness. Let the Ten Thousand Things pass over you and through you. Without effort, you will feel the silent vibration of the olive burger, the pizza, the dentist, the accountant you love.

All other choices will fall to the tatami mat like last week's dandruff.

Or, as another great sage, Stephen Strange, famously said, just before Thanos brushed him into an ashtray, "We're in the endgame now."

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- Duke's Saloon
- The Avenue

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- Spiral
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- The Avenue

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- Houlihan's
- Crunchy's
- Zoobie's
- American Fifth Spirits
- Buddie's Grill Holt

Best Jam Night

- The Green Door Bar & Grill
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- Crunchy's
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- Eastside Fish Fry
- Claddagh Irish Pub
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- Fresh Fish Market
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- Meat Southern BBQ
- Smoke N' Pig BBQ
- Best French Fries**
- HopCat
- Cosmos
- Dagwood's
- Five Guys Burger & Fries
- Red Robin

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- Woody's Oasis
- Zeus' Coney Island
- Athena's
- Lou & Harry's
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- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar,
- Ukai Japanese Steakhouse
- Hibachi Grill Sushi Buffet
- Maru Sushi & Grill
- Kazumi Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar
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- MSU Dairy Store
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- Claddagh Irish Pub
- Dublin Square
- Kelly's Downtown
- Moriarty's Pub
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- DeLuca's
- Cugino's
- Bravo Cucina Italiana
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- Olive Garden
- Best Kids Eat Free Restaurant**
- Applebee's
- The Cosmos/Zoobies Tavern
- Texas Roadhouse
- Buddies Grill Holt
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- Best Late Night Food**
- Fleetwood Diner
- Conrad's
- Taco Bell
- Famous Taco
- Pizza House
- Best Margarita**
- Cancun Mexican Grill
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- Punk Taco
- Fiesta Charra
- Best Mediterranean Restaurant**
- Zaytoon
- Woody's Oasis
- Aladdin's
- Sultan's
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- Pablo's Old Town
- Aldaco's Taco Bar
- Acapulco Mexican Grill
- Pancho Taqueira
- Taqueria El Chaparrito
- Best Mexican Restaurant Chain**
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- El Azteco - West
- Los Tres Amigos
- El Azteco - East
- Fiesta Charra - East Lansing
- Best Nachos**
- Buddies - Holt
- Meat BBQ
- El Azteco - Both locations
- Punk Taco
- Cancun Mexican Grill
- Best New Restaurant**
- Art's Pub
- Punk Taco
- Arcadia Smokehouse
- Klavin's
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Best Olive Burger**
- Kewpee Sandwich Shop
- Olympic Broil
- The Peanut Barrel
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Art's Pub
- Best Pancakes**
- Golden Harvest
- Sophias House of Pancakes
- Good Truckin' Diner
- Blondie's Barn
- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
- Best Pizza**
- DeLuca's
- The Cosmos
- Detroit Frankies
- Wood Fired Brick
- Oven
- Art's Pub

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- Blaze Pizza
- Best Ranch Dressing**
- Deluca's Restaurant
- Buddies Grill
- Jet's Pizza
- Outback Steakhouse
- Art's Pub
- Best Ramen**
- Ruckus Ramen
- Sapporo Ramen
- Mikado Sushi Restaurant
- Cask & Company Kitchen & Bar
- City Limits

Best Restaurant Beer List

- HopCat
- Crunchy's
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Zoobie's Old Town Tavern
- Meat BBQ

Best Restaurant for Seniors

- Coral Gables
- Buddies Grill
- Spud's Family Restaurant
- Delhi Cafe
- Denny's

Best Restaurant Wine List

- Dusty's Cellar
- Bridge Street Social
- Capital Prime
- Beggar's Banquet
- Capital Vine

Best Reuben

- Stateside Deli
- Claddagh Irish Pub
- Meat BBQ
- Dagwood's
- Buddies Grill

Best Salad/Salad Bar

- Leaf - both locations combined
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Streetkitchen
- Coral Gables
- Sparrow Hospital

Best Sub Sandwich

- Jersey Giant
- Mancino's
- Jimmy Johns
- Firehouse Subs
- Frاندor Deli

Best Seafood

- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Maru
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Red Lobster
- Ukai Hibachi Grill

Best Signature Dish

- Meat BBQ - Meat Mountain
- Zaytoon - Chicken Shwarma
- English Inn - Prime Rib

Good Truckin Diner

- Bourbon Street French Toast
- Streetkitchen
- Harvest Moon Bowl

Best Sliders

- Green Dot Stables
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Dagwood's Tavern & Grill
- Saddleback BBQ
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Soup

- Soup Spoon Café
- Zoup!
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Panera Bread
- Red Haven Farm to Table Restaurant

Best Steak

- Capital Prime
- Airport Tavern and Steakhouse
- Texas Roadhouse
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Outback Steakhouse

Best Sushi

- Maru
- Sansu
- Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
- Sushi Moto
- AI Fusion

Best Tacos

- El Oasis
- Pablo's Old Town
- Punk Taco
- El Azteco
- Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)

Best Thai

- Bangkok House
- Thai Princess
- No Thai!
- Niang Myanmar
- Family Restaurant

Best Upscale Dining

- Capital Prime
- English Inn
- Bridge Street Social
- EnVie
- Soup Spoon Café

Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant

- Altu's Ethiopian Cuisine
- Zaytoon
- Soup Spoon Café
- Aladdin's
- Street Kitchen

Best Wings

- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Meat. Southern BBQ
- Eastside Fish Fry
- Art's Pub

Saddleback BBQ

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- 270 W. Grand River
- East Lansing
- 914 Charlevoix Dr.
- Grand Ledge
- 2546 E. Jolly Rd.
- Lansing

Best Bowling Alley

- Spare Time
- Royal Scot
- City Limits - Mason
- City Limits - East
- Char Lanes

Best Coffee Shop (Non-Biggby)

- Blue Owl
- Strange Matter, Michigan Avenue
- Horrocks
- The Crafted Bean - Lansing
- Strange Matter, Washington Square

Best Comedy Night

- Mac's Bar
- Crunchy's
- The Unicorn
- Looking Glass Brewing Co.
- Alright People - Melik Brown

Best Dog Park

- Hawk Island Park
- Dewitt Dog Park
- Northern Tail Dog Park
- Joy's Pet Outfitters

Best Escape Room Venue

- epIQ escapes
- Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing
- Escape Rooms Portland Michigan
- Breakout Escape Rooms
- Elusive Escapes

Best Golf Course

- Groesbeck Golf Course
- Eagle Eye Golf Club
- Hawk Hollow Golf Course
- Eldorado Golf Course
- Meridian Sun Golf Club

Best Hangout for Seniors

- Lansing Mall
- Coral Gables
- Spud's Family Restaurant
- Soup Spoon Café
- CADL - Okemos Library

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Best Place to Hang Out Solo

Blue Owl Coffee
The Avenue Café
CADL - South Lansing Library
Art's Pub
Strange Matter, Washington Square
Strange Matter, Michigan Avenue

Best Hangout for Students

The Avenue
Crunchy's
Pinball Pete's
Spiral Video & Dance
The Peanut Barrel

Best Movie Theater

NCG Cinema
Celebration Cinema
Studio C!
Regal Cinema
Sun Theatre - Grand Ledge

Best Music Venue

Green Door
The Loft
The Avenue
Mac's Bar
The Robin Theatre

Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date

Horrocks
Lansing Lugnuts
Potter Park Zoo
Walk on Lansing River Trail
Painting With a Twist

Best Patio

El Azteco East
Waterfront Bar & Grill
Lansing Brewing Co.
Peanut Barrel
Zoobie's

Best Place to Play Video Games

The Grid Arcade & Bar
Pinball Pete's
At Home

The Avenue Café
Buddies Grill

Best Place to Shoot Pool

The Avenue Café
Pinball Pete's
Green Dot Stables
Esquire Bar
Reno's West Inc.

Best Place to Sled

Hawk Island Park
Granger Meadow
Moores Park
Mickey Mouse Hill
- By MacDonald Middle School
Frاندor - Ranney Park

Best Place of Worship

Riverview Church
River's Edge Community Church
St. Gerard
Trinity Church
City Life Lansing

Best Pool

East Lansing
Family Aquatic Center
Moores Park Swimming Pool
Hunter Park Pool
Charlotte Aquatic Center
IM Sports Circle

Best Local Attraction for Kids

Impression 5 Science Center
Potter Park Zoo
District 5
East Lansing Aquatic Center
MSU Children's Gardens

Best Public Park

Hawk Island
Fitzgerald Park
Fenner Nature Center
Woldumar Nature Center
Patriarche Park

Best Smoke

Shop/Hookah Lounge
Wild Bill's
Blue Night Hookah Lounge
Downtown Smoking Club
Campbell's Smoke Shop
The Haven Smoke Shop

Best Swimming

East Lansing
Family Aquatic Center
Lake Michigan
Hawk Island
Moores Park Swimming Pool
Lake Lansing Park South

Best Trivia Night

Peanut Barrel
The Claddagh Irish Pub
Harry's Place
Lansing brewing company
Crunchy's

BEST ARTS

Best Artist

Stephanie Hogan
Jason Keusch
Marissa Tawney Thaler
Ryan Holmes
Tater Tot Noxious
Best Classical Musician
Ed Fedewa
Rodney Page
John Beltran

Ralph Votapek

Sergei Kvitko

Best Club DJ

Capitol City DJs

Ruckus

Craig Doepker

Scratch Pilots

DJ Black Magic

Best Country Artist/Band

Joe Wright

Shelby Ann-Marie

The Jonestown Crows

Goddamn Gallows

Brenda Loomis band

Best Cover Band

Starfarm

Shelby and Jake

Tell Yo Mama

Global Village

Avon Bomb

Best Experimental Musical Act

Cavalcade

Atomic Boogaloo

Casey Jones

Melophobix

Wolf Eyes

Best Folk Artist/Band

Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle

Frog & The Beeftones

Jen Sygit

Taylor Taylor

The Swift Brothers

Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group

James Gardin

Ozay Moore

Mr. Idgaf

& the Back of the Class

Professor Zephyr

Cyrus

Jazz Musician

Root Doctor

MSU Professors of Jazz

Phil Denny

Rodney Page

DeShaun Sneed

Best Local Theatre Group

Riverwalk Theatre

Peppermint Creek Theatre

Williamston Theatre

MSU Department of Theatre

All-of-Us Express Children's Theatre

Best Pottery Studio

Wheel House Pottery Studio

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- Clayworks Pottery
- Best Punk/Metal Group**
- Heart of Jordan
- Goddamn Gallows
- Handsome Pete
- Cavalcade
- Tyrant
- Best Public Art/Sculpture**
- Old Town Mural by Nanibah Chacon
- Sparty
- Portrait of a Dreamer
- ARTPath
- Bottle Rocket at Impression 5
- Best Rock Artist/Band**
- Handsome Pete
- Tell Yo Mama
- Heart of Jordan
- Joe Hertler
- & The Rainbow Seekers
- Frog & The Beeftones

BEST PEOPLE

- Best Advocate/Activist**
- Mike Karl
- Tashmica Torok

- Gretchen Whitmer
- Rachael Denhollander
- Meegan Winters

Best Bartender

- Mac Dambro
- Mitchell's
- Ashley Sezenski
- Classic Pub
- Sami Hutting
- The Watershed
- Christian Gray
- Bridge Street Social
- Brittany Richards
- The Rusty Mug

Best Budtender

- Whitney Skeaze
- Stateside
- Whitney
- Old 27 Wellness
- Austin
- Pure Options
- Carl
- Homegrown
- Joe
- Old 27 Wellness

Best CATA Bus Driver

- Lamarr Braggs
- Ron DeLeon
- Aaron Aikman
- Jacob Pena
- Al - Route #3

Best Chef

- Zane Vicknair
- Street Kitchen/The People's Kitchen
- Josh Moyer
- Lansing Brewing Co.
- Jason Hays
- Claddagh
- Jennifer Medler
- Capital Prime
- Sean
- MEAT BBQ

Best College Instructor

- Susan Antcliff - LCC
- Cindi McKenney- LCC
- Jon Whiting - MSU
- Susan McGinnis Hardie -LCC
- Helen Veit - MSU

Best Event/Wedding DJ

- Hotbeats Entertainment
- Capitol City DJs
- DJ JD (Larner)
- Jammin' DJs
- Rodney Page

Best Food Delivery Person

- Zane Vicknair
- Streetkitchen/The People's Kitchen
- Jose
- Jose's Cuban Sandwich
- Mikey Taylor
- Uber Eats

- Tim Griffes
- Fat Boys Pizza Holt
- Beth Colton
- Cottage Inn

Best Hair Stylist

- Justine Wilson - Ambiance Salon
- Taylor Wardowski- Ulta
- Seth Ortega-Ulta
- Ashley Medina - Bliss Salon
- Andrea Graeber - Profiles Hair Salon
- Best High School Coach**
- Rocky Shaft - Holt High School
- Pat Malloy - Grand Ledge High School
- Pat O'Keefe
- Grand Ledge High School
- Andrew Chapin - Mason high School
- Chris Tyler - Waverly High School

Best High School Teacher

- Andrew Chapin
- Mason High School
- Sara Zeko
- Grand Ledge High School
- Penny Filonczuk
- Everett High School
- Dave Foy
- Holt High School
- Chris Tyler
- Waverly High School

Best Massage Therapist

- Bee Queener
- Bee Queener Massage
- Kate Prouty
- Patient Relaxation
- Amber Hazen
- Brad's Hair Studio
- Beverly Bates
- Holistic Butterfly Massage
- Angela Joseph

Best MSU President

- None of them
- Satish Udpa
- Walter Adams
- Lou Anna K. Simon
- Peter McPherson

Best MSU Trustee

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- Dianne Byrum
- Kelly Tebay
- George Perles
- Melanie Foster

Best Personal Trainer

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- Core Wellness
- Dan Romigh
- Redemption Fitness
- Nikki Raccine
- Ledge Sweat Shop
- Brian Daniels
- emPOWER Lansing

Best Police Officer

- Dontaye Garret
- Elite fitness
- Best Police Officer**
- Officer Aiko (Canine)
- Bath Township Police Department
- Chad Beckett
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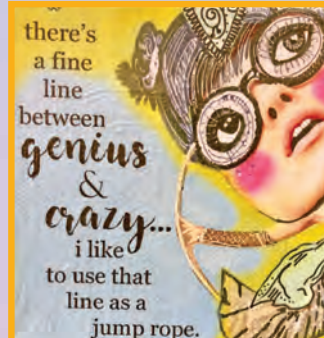
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MAIN STAGE

Saturday, May 18		Sunday, May 19	
11 a.m.	East Lansing High School Jazz Band	11 a.m.	The Further Adventures of FatBoy and JiveTurkey
12 p.m.	Ozay Moore	12:30 p.m.	The Stringtown Trio
1:30 p.m.	May Erlewine and the Motivations	2 p.m.	Josh Davis and Rachael Davis
3 p.m.	Fiction 440 Reading Event	3 p.m.	5th Annual ELAF Poetry Reading
4:30 p.m.	Musique Noire	4 p.m.	The Pistil Whips

FAMILY STAGE

Saturday, May 18		Sunday, May 19	
10 - 10:45 a.m.	MSU Community Music School's Suzuki Program	11 - 11:45 a.m.	The Amazing Clark - magician
11 - 11:45 a.m.	All of the Above Hip Hop Academy	1 - 1:45 p.m.	Sigh Studio of Music Children's Ukulele Ensemble
1 - 1:45 p.m.	Sigh Studio of Music Interactive Children's Concert	2 - 2:45 p.m.	Dream World Studios Dance Project
2 - 2:45 p.m.	The Amazing Clark - magician	3 - 3:45 p.m.	The Amazing Clark - magician
5 - 5:45 p.m.	Move Your Art Parade	4 - 4:45 p.m.	Move Your Art Parade

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ARTISTS DEMONSTRATION AREA

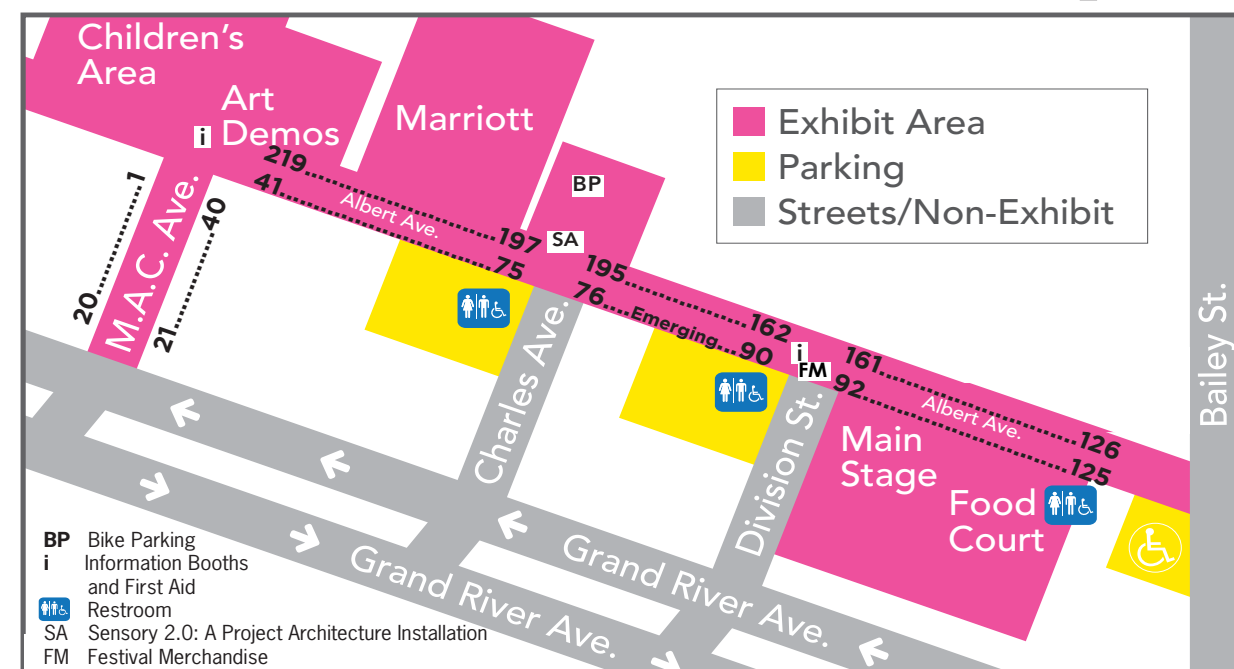
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| Saturday, May 18
Artists 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Manny Lopez, metal artist
Lino Pretto, glass work
Ana Holguin, drawing and painting
Peckham, Inc., client artists
Abby Deneau, ceramics
Jill Zelenski, painting
Teresa Petersen, collage
Woven Art, fabric | Sunday, May 19
Artists 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Manny Lopez, metal artist
Lino Pretto, glass work
Andrew Sandstedt, mixed-media
Peckham, Inc., client artists
Abby Deneau, ceramics
Greater Lansing Potters' Guild, clay and potter's wheels
Laura Gajewski, fine art and illustration
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- Dave Courey** DCMI Photography
- Jennifer Estill** Redhead Design Studio Honorary Award
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- People's Choice Award**
- James Strouse** Raymond King Award for Painting
- City of East Lansing** Purchase Award
- Campus Town** Honorary Award
- Warmels Comstock** Honorary Award

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Booth Number	Artist Name	Booth Number	Artist Name
2-D MIXED MEDIA			
175-176	Meyer Abrams	50	Nancy Grimsley
178	Karin Coron	25	James Klingler
33	Alex Deriy	16	Mary Kuitema
159-160	Paul Fletcher	108	Carole Meier
77	Lee Galusha	199	Kimberly Rorick
41	Sandi Garris	48	Tonya Rund
54	Britt Hallowell		
194	Daryl Harwood	7	Amy Ferguson
157	Darren Jones	2	Paul King
11	Alexa Karabin	67	Mari Pruks
101	Kathy Sheldon	135	Court Smith
29	Amy Thompson	51	Chuck Wimmer
169	W. Scott Wilson		
131	Zuxin Yu		
3-D MIXED MEDIA			
152	James Ardis	3	Jeff Condon
34	Germain Ekamby	80	Richard Franz
167	John Krieger	43	Daniel J. Hogan
218	Huiying Lee	38	Chandra Jennings
185	Rezgar Mamandi	14	Taylor Mazer
114	Amy Moore	52	Marie Rust
203	David Scherer	216-217	Tai Taoalii
4-5	Michael Schroeder	143	Marissa Tawney Thaler
		121	Carolyn Weins
CERAMICS • FUNCTIONAL			
214	Autumn Aslaxson	10	Paul Aude
118	Thomas Bothe	209	Mike Barnes
37	Shay Church	186	Carol Caron
195	Andrew Collins	93	Leah Dziewit
113	Adam Egenolf	23	Susan Fleming
84	Heidi Fahrenbacher	179	Leigh Hollmann
13	Denise Kleiner	32	Erica Loomis
210	Emily LoPresto	6	Susan Luks
64-65	Scott Martin	45	Erika Mock
130	Brad Patterson	202	Shani Solomon
206	Jim Reinert	96-97	Karen Taber
132	Rebecca Skow	60	Kathleen Tesnakis
110	Jill Tortorella	35	Don Tran
70	Izida Valatka	171	Jerry Yang
136	Andrew Wender		
CERAMICS NON-FUNCTIONAL			
147	Heidi Barron	138	Richard Bond
188	John Boyett	161	Charlene Heilman
99	Debbie Himes	117	Tracy Kehr
31	Steve Palmer	166	Carmen Kennedy
151	Mark Waggar	127	Dustin Wagner
46	Melissa Banks	122	Julie Billups
72	Michael Bonardi	39	Katrina Fiebig
128	Amanda Grosjean	133	Beth Ingels
9	Amy Johnson	104	Devin Johnson
24	Kelly Komejan	79	Kate Qualley Peterson
204	Meg Tang	192	Patti West-Martino
DRAWING			
71	Robert Copeland	71	Robert Copeland
145	Rob Gilmore	145	Rob Gilmore
55-56	Steven Huyser-Honig	55-56	Steven Huyser-Honig
40	Darcy Schmitt	40	Darcy Schmitt
154	Lisa Lammey	154	Lisa Lammey
76	Tom Lazar	76	Tom Lazar
170	Todd Maertz	170	Todd Maertz
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- City of Grand Ledge
- Jeremy Hamilton
- East Lansing PD
- Best Local/State Politician**
- Gretchen Whitmer
- Andy Schor
- Tom Barrett
- Debbie Stabenow
- Curtis Hertel Jr.
- Best Realtor**
- Lisa Fata & Lisa Ramont
- Coldwell Banker Hubbell BriarWood
- Lauren Flannery
- Coldwell banker
- Amy Harris Jackson
- Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood

- Dani Fairman
- Berkshire Hathaway
- Brecken Terry,
- Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood
- Best Restaurant Waitstaff Person**
- Tiesha King
- The Avenue
- Adrian Smith
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Jessica Sinclair (Journey)
- Classic Pub
- Tim
- Golden Harvest
- Chelsea Brown
- Cugino's
- Best Local TV News Personality**
- Sheri Jones - WLNS
- Emily Wahls - WLNS
- Andrews - WILX
- Andy Provenzano - WILX
- Sarah Swistak - WSYM
- Best Yoga Instructor**
- Belinda Thurston
- Just B Yoga
- Sarah Belanger
- Sarah Belanger Yoga/MI Hot Yoga
- Deb Hart
- Hilltop
- Mariah Knight
- Lansing Hot Yoga
- Susie Zivic

- Hilltop Yoga
- Worst MSU President**
- John Engler
- All of them
- Lou Anna K. Simon
- Worst MSU Trustee**
- Joel Ferguson
- George Perles
- Dianne Byrum
- Worst State/Local Politician**
- All of them
- Mike Bishop
- Bill Schuette
- Debbie Stabenow
- Gretchen Whitmer

- Mason Auto Body Repair Inc
- Keusch Auto and Tire
- Mike's Auto Care
- A&D Auto Repair
- Best Bank**
- Dart Bank
- PNC Bank
- Huntington Bank
- Flagstar Bank
- Fifth Third
- Best Barbershop**
- The Good Life Shaving Co.
- Frantor Barbershop
- Jude's Barbershop
- After Shave Barbershop
- Classic Barbershop
- Best Bed and Breakfast**
- The English Inn
- Wild Goose Inn
- Cozy Koi
- The Willowwicke Inn
- Wheatfield Inn
- Best Bicycle Shop**
- SPIN Bicycle Shop
- Velocipede Peddler
- Riverfront Cycle
- Denny's Central Park Bikes
- Evergreen Cycles & Repair
- Best Cab Company**
- Spartan Yellow Cab
- Green Cab
- Big Daddy Taxi
- Royal Express
- Best Car Wash/Detailing Service**
- Kwik Car Wash
- Fast Eddie's
- Soapy Joe's

BEST SERVICES

- Best Accountant/CPA**
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- Chapel Accounting and Tax Services
- Riverside Accounting Inc.
- Plante Moran
- Bruce Meyers
- Best Apartments**
- Marketplace Apartments
- Aspen Lakes Estates
- Fountain Place Apartments
- Capitol Commons
- Willoughby Estates Apartments
- Best Audiologist/Hearing**
- Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat
- Hearing Health Center
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- Fluke Hearing
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Best Caterer/Catering Company
 Meat. Southern BBQ
 Zaytoon
 Morton's Fine Catering
 Amy's Catering
 Saddleback BBQ
Best Cemetery
 Mt Hope Cemetery
 Deep Dale Memorial Gardens
 St. Joseph Cemetery
 Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens
 Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
Best Cleaning Service
 Domestic Divas
 A Time to Shine
 AP Cleaning
 Aunt Jo Jo's
 The Cleaning Authority
Best Chiropractor
 Creative Wellness
 Craft Chiropractic
 Spartan Family Chiropractic
 Volz Family Chiropractic

Waverly Chiropractic Center
Best Cosmetic Surgeon
 Dr. George Poletes
 Dr. Ahmed Sufyan
 Dr Michelle Southard
 Dr. Lee Colony
 Dr. Andrew Zwyghuizen
Best Credit Union
 MSU Federal Credit Union
 Lake Trust Credit Union
 Lansing Automakers Federal Credit Union (LAFCU)
 CASE Credit Union
 Portland Federal Credit Union
Best Dance Studio
 Dance City West
 The Hive
 Happendance
 Stiletto & Steel
 Rising Star Studio of Dance
Best Day Spa
 Douglas J Salon
 Bliss Salon Spa Boutique
 Zoe Life Spa and Salon
 Pure Day Spa Salon
 Doctor's Approach Med Spa
Best Dentist
 Valley Dental Spa
 Dr. Jason Baker - Valley Dental Spa
 McNeil Family Dentistry
 Mashni Dentistry
 Dr. Michael J. Dionise

Best Developer
 Gillespie Co
 Motz Homes
 Chappelle Development Company
 Vesta Building Industries
 T A Forsberg Inc
Best Development
 The Peoples Kitchen
 600 Michigan Avenue
 SkyVue Apartments
 The Hub
 Hawk Nest
Best Dry Cleaners
 Baryames
 Maurer's
 Twichells
Best Food Delivery Service
 Grubhub
 Jimmy Johns
 UberEats
 Mr Delivery
 Conrad's
Best Funeral Home
 Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes
 Pray Funeral Home
 Palmer Bush & Jensen Funeral
 Estes-Leadley Funeral Homes
 Peters & Murray Funeral Home
Best Gym/Fitness Studio
 Tri Fitness
 YAY FIT

The Barre Code
 HiiT Fitness
 Michigan Athletic Club
Best Heating/Cooling/Plumbing
 Applegate Home Comfort
 Bartlett Plumbing and Heating
 Northwind Heating and Cooling, Okemos
 A-1 Mechanical
 Aaron's Plumbing
Best Home Health Care Company
 Optimal Medical Staffing
 Sparrow Home Care
 By Dawn's Early Light Home Care Service
 Comfort Keepers
 Residential Home Health & Residential Hospice
Best Insurance Agent/Agency
 Rathbun Agency Inc
 Nick Cypher Agency
 Bureau Insurance
 Holt & Dimondale Agency
 Joseph Dunn: Allstate Insurance
 Auto-Owners Insurance
Best Landscaping Company
 The Plant Professionals
 R&D Landscape
 Hammond Farms Landscape Supply
 Stiles Lawn, Landscaping & Snow Removal Inc.
 Luke Landscaping
Best Lawyer/Law Firm
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 Abood Law Firm
 Foster Swift Collins & Smith
 Nichols Law Firm
Best Marijuana Dispensary
 Old 27 Wellness
 HomeGrown Provisioning Center
 Pure Options
Best Massage Studio
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 Bliss Salon & Spa
 Douglas J
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- WLNS
- Lansing State Journal
- Michigan Radio/WUOM
- Best Nonprofit Organization (Local)**
- Capital Area Humane Society
- Ele's Place
- Cardboard Prophets
- Allen Neighborhood Center
- Firecracker Foundation
- Best Oil Change**
- Valvoline Instant Oil Change
- Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change
- One Stop Wash-N-Lube
- Frankie D's
- Family Quick Lube
- Best Optometrist**
- Rule Eye Care Associates Optometrists of Lansing, P.C.
- LensCrafters
- Holt Eye Care PLLC
- Colleen Phillips - Capital City Vision Center
- Best Pest Control Company**
- Rose Exterminating
- Bug Man

- Orkin pest & termite control
- TruGreen Lawn Care
- Bullseye Pest Solution
- Best Pet Grooming**
- Wag 'N Tails
- Tara Pizzo - Abbott Road Animal Clinic
- Classy Canine-Karina
- Doggy Daycare and Spa
- AnnaBelle's Pet Station
- Country Critters Pet Grooming
- Best Photographer/Photography**
- McShane Photography
- Erica Cooper Photography
- Magan Konoski - Fine Art Photographer
- Decadence Dolls Autumn Luciano
- LeMae Photography
- Best Piercer**
- Andy Knag - Splash of Color
- Aaron Wood
- Ink Therapy Lansing
- Renee McKeith - Splash of Color
- Steff - Vivid Ink
- Hollywood (Justin)
- Best Pharmacy**
- Rite Aid
- Walgreens
- Ware's Pharmacy
- Meijer Pharmacy
- Central Pharmacy
- Best Place to Return Cans**
- Meijer
- MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center
- Kroger
- Horrocks
- Walmart
- Best Post Office**
- Collins Road
- Grand Ledge
- Lansing Downtown by Capitol
- East Lansing
- Holt
- Best PR Firm**
- Piper & Gold Public Relations
- Martin Waymire
- Kolt Communications, Inc.
- M3 Group
- Vanguard Public Affairs
- Best Property Management Co.**
- DTN Management Company
- Gillespie Group
- Monarch Investment and Management Group
- Morleigh Inc.
- Princeton Management

- Best Radio Station**
- 100.7 WITL
- 88.9 WDBM
- 94.9 WMMQ
- 97.5 WJIM
- 90.5 WKAR
- Best Residential Remodeling Co.**
- Odd Fellows Contracting, Inc.
- Custom Built
- Design & Remodeling
- Precision Roofing Services
- Feldkamp Design Associates Inc
- David G Schertzing (DGS Builders)
- Best Senior Living**
- The Willows at East Lansing
- Independence Village Grand Ledge
- Delta Retirement Center
- Fairview Adult Foster Care
- Grange Acres
- Best Storage Facility**
- Stop 'n Lock Self Storage
- Prime Storage
- U-Haul Moving & Storage
- Owosso Mini Storage
- Best Salon**
- Bliss Salon & Spa
- Capellini
- Douglas J
- Profiles Hair Salon
- Artisan Company
- The Head Room Salon
- Best Tailor/Seamstress**
- Nu the Tailor
- Liz's Alterations
- Silver Thread
- Andre the Tailor
- Fantastic Alterations
- Best Tanning**
- Tanning
- Uptown Sun Company Tanning Salon
- Pacific Tan
- Planet Fitness
- VIP Tanning
- Best Tattoo Parlor**
- Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.
- Splash of Color
- Vivid Ink
- Eclectic Art Tattoo Gallery
- Ink Therapy Lansing
- Best Veterinarian Services**
- Waverly Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming
- Patterson Veterinary Hospital
- Miller Animal Clinic
- Lake Lansing Road Animal Clinic & Pet Resort

- Schultz Veterinary Clinic
- Best Wedding Services**
- HotBeats Entertainment
- All Grande Events
- Twiggies
- Weddings By Nicole
- A Lovely Day
- Best Yoga Studio**
- Just B Yoga
- Firefly Hot Yoga Bar
- Hilltop Yoga
- Haslett Hot Yoga
- East Lansing Hot Yoga
- BEST SHOPPING**
- Best Antique Shop**
- Little Red School House
- Maple Street Mall - Mason
- Mega Mall
- Vintage Junkies
- Best Art Gallery**
- Lansing Art Gallery
- Broad Art Museum
- Absolute Gallery
- Mackerel Sky
- Katalyst
- Best Asian Market**
- Oriental Mart
- Lotte Market
- Best Asian Market
- Best Beer Selection in Retail Store**
- Horrocks
- MegaBev
- Oades Big Ten - East Lansing
- Big Ten - Okemos
- Vine & Brew
- Best Bookstore**
- Schuler Books
- Curious Books
- Everybody Reads
- Bestsellers
- Coyote Wisdom Books & More
- Best Butcher**
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Merindorf Meats - Mason
- Merindorf Meats - Williamston
- Mert's Meats
- Horrocks
- Best Candy Shop**
- Horrocks
- Fabianos Candies
- Peanut Shop
- Kean's Store
- Cravings Popcorn
- Best Cheese Department**
- Horrocks Farm Market
- Whole Foods Market
- Monticello's Market & Butcher Block
- Kroger (Saginaw Highway)
- Foods For Living
- Best Clothing Store (Locally Owned)**
- Curvaceous Lingerie
- Playmakers
- Grace Boutique
- Kellie's Consignments
- Sweetlee's Boutique
- Best Comic Shop**
- Summit Comics & Games
- Hollow Mountain Comics Games and Collectibles
- Creating Heroes Stephens Way
- Mr Dale's Tradin' Cards
- Best Consignment Shop**
- Kellie's Consignments
- Metro Retro
- Second Time Around
- Once Upon a Child
- Plato's Closet
- Best Farmers Market**
- Allen Farmers Market
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- Holt Farmers Market
- Dewitt Farmers Market
- East Lansing Farmers Market
- Best Florist**
- Horrocks
- Where the Wild Things Bloom
- VanAtta's Greenhouse
- B/A Florist
- Jon Anthony
- Smith Floral
- Best Furniture Store**
- Pilgrim House Furniture
- Mapes Furniture Co
- Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC
- Vintage Junkies
- Becker Furniture Inc
- Best Gardening Center**
- Horrocks
- VanAtta's Greenhouse
- & Flower Shop Lansing Gardens
- Christian's Greenhouse
- Andy T's
- Best Gas Station**
- Speedway
- 2000 Lake Lansing Rd., Lansing
- Costco Fuel
- 2540 E Saginaw Hwy., East Lansing
- Speedway
- 13155 S US 27., DeWitt
- Kroger
- 2495 Cedar St., Holt
- Marathon Gas
- 401 S Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing
- Best Gift Shop**
- Old Town General Store
- Kean's Store
- October Moon
- Thrift Witch
- Mackerel Sky Gallery of Contemporary Craft
- Best Grocery Store (Locally Owned)**
- Horrocks
- Westlund's Apple Market
- Monticello's Market
- & Butcher Block
- Fresh Thyme
- Foods for Living
- Best Hardware Store**
- Vet's Ace Hardware
- Menards
- Haslett True Value Hardware
- Great Lakes Ace Hardware

- Gilbert's Hardware & Rental
- Best Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store**
- Hotwater Works
- Heat & Sweep
- Hot Tub Shop
- Pool & Spa Inc.
- Best Hunting Store**
- Cabela's
- Jay's Sporting Goods
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Moose Creek Sports
- Total Firearms
- Best Indoor Grow Shop**
- HTG Supply Hydroponics & Grow Lights
- H2O Lansing
- Capital City Grower Supply
- Superior Growers
- Indoor Grow Store
- Best Jewelry Store**
- Sweet Custom Jewelry
- Becky Beauchine Kulka
- Jean Jean Vintage, LLC
- Azzi Jewelers
- SuCasa
- Best Liquor Store**
- Oades Big Ten Party Store West
- MEGA-BEV
- ABC Liquor
- Tom's Party Store and Wine Shop
- On The Rocks Wine & Spirits
- Best Musical Instrument Store**
- Elderly Instruments
- Marshall Music
- Music Manor
- Meridian Winds
- Guitar Center
- Best Organic/Natural Market**
- Horrocks
- Foods for Living
- Fresh Thyme
- Whole Foods
- The Better Health Store
- Best Outdoor/Camping Store**
- Cabela's
- Foxhole PX Store
- Moosejaw
- REI
- Best Pawn/Secondhand Shop**
- Dicker & Deal
- Volunteers of America
- Kellies Consignments
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Thrift Witch
- Best Pet Store**
- Preuss Pets
- Soldan's
- Petsmart
- Pet Supplies Plus
- PetCo - Frandor
- Best Quality Dairy**
- 8512 W Saginaw Hwy - Lansing
- 500 E Saginaw
- 804 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge
- 2400 E Michigan, Lansing
- 173 W. Maple, Mason, MI
- Best Record/CD Store**
- Flat, Black & Circular
- Record Lounge
- Disc Traders
- Replay Entertainment Exchange
- Barnes & Noble
- Best Sex Shop**
- Cirilla's
- Fantasies Unlimited / Club Tabu
- Lion's Den
- Best Thrift Shop**
- Volunteers of America
- Thrift Witch
- St Vincent De Paul
- Metro Retro
- Goodwill
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- Discount Tire
- Budget Tire Center
- Tasmanian Tire Co
- Keusch Super Service
- Best Used Car Dealership**
- Shaheen Chevrolet
- Sundance Chevrolet
- Kia Of Lansing
- Feldman Bud Kouts Chevrolet Parts
- South Side Auto Sales
- Best Vape Shop**
- Wild Bill's Tobacco
- Smokey Joe's
- Kalamazoo Vapor- Frandor
- Joost Vapor
- A Clean Cigarette
- Best Wine Shop**
- Horrocks

- Dusty's Cellar
- Vine & Brew
- World Market
- MEGA-BEV

BEST WHATEVER

Best Category We Didn't Think Of

- Best Instagram Event/Festival
- Haunted Attraction
- New Business
- Best Childcare Center
- Best Day Trip**
- Anywhere on Lake Michigan

- Grand Rapids
- Grand Haven
- Frankenmuth
- Mackinac Island
- Best Eye Candy Building**
- Broad Art Museum
- The Capitol
- The Grid Arcade & Bar
- Knapp's
- Looking Glass Brewing Company

- Boji Tower
- Best Eye Candy Neighborhood**
- Moore's River Drive area
- Old Town
- West Side Neighborhood
- REO Town
- East Lansing, west of campus
- Best High School**
- Grand Ledge
- East Lansing
- Holt High School
- Okemos High School
- Waverly
- Best Outdoor Adventure**
- The Ledges Trail at Fitzgerald Park
- River Trail
- Demented Mitten Tours
- Potter Park Zoo
- River Town Adventures
- Best Place to Work**
- Bliss Salon Spa Boutique
- State of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- General Motors LLC
- MSUFCU

- The Avenue
- Cleanest Public Restroom**
- Horrocks
- BAD Brewing
- Cosmos
- Lansing Brewing Company
- Bliss Salon & Spa Boutique
- Worst Eyesore**
- Trump Signs
- Lansing Potholes
- Broad Art Museum
- Michigan Roads
- Gillespie Group Apartments
- Worst Pothole**
- Mt. Hope Ave. between Aurelius Rd and 127 overpass
- Michigan Ave. near Frandor
- Saginaw St. near Frandor
- All of South Cedar St.
- Waverly Rd. between St. Joe & Lansing Rd.
- Best Casino (anywhere)**
- FireKeepers Casino Hotel
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
- Gun Lake Casino
- Greektown Casino
- MotorCity Casino Hotel



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Gift store gets raunchy with profane goods

By DENNIS BURCK

For those looking for a vintage embroidered doily that says, “Come back with a warrant,” Bad Annie’s will deliver. The latest addition to Turner Street is set to be brimming with profane goods and oddities with sass.

Summer Schriener, owner of Grace Boutique of Old Town, planned her new business for five years. At Grace, Schriener began stocking risqué goods behind the counter and the forbidden section became a runaway hit.

“It ended up being I was gathering more and more of the inappropriate stuff I didn’t feel comfortable putting on our sales floor,” Schriener said.

But Grace was primarily a women’s clothing and accessory store, and the profane goods started to split the direction of the business.

“It got to the point to where a new store was needed,” she said.

“I wanted to open Grace’s sassy sister where we can be loud, inappropriate and goofy while still keeping Grace as an elegant place I wanted from the beginning.”

Schriener believes a little profanity is a part of everyone’s personality. It’s a “fun side you don’t get to express or live out loud.”

Bad Annie’s will offer bath bombs, candles, socks, sunglasses, T-shirts, em-

broidered goods, jewelry and more. Additionally, three racks of custom socks will take up the sales floor. Candles say “Besties before Testes” among other things unfit for print.

The store will heavily feature Sara Jean Sews, a local vendor who repurposes vintage items with risqué messages. Some of her items for sale include linens saying “Please leave by 9 p.m.” and “Say perhaps to drugs.”

The inspiration behind the name “Bad Annie’s” came from Schriener seeing a closed hubcap store in Nashville called “Hubcap Annie’s.”

“It just sounded so cool,” she said. Schriener, an Old Town resident, thinks Bad Annie’s will fall in nicely to the neighborhood.

“Especially to Turner, I’m hoping to bring a bit more goofiness. I don’t think it was something that was missing, but I would like to complement the neighboring businesses here,” she said.

It won’t be the first time Schriener used this space on Turner Street. Grace Boutique started in the same building 12 years ago. The space most recently

held Retail Therapy in early 2019. “I feel like I’ve come full circle,” she said.

There will be significant signage warning those that profane goods are offered inside.

Bad Annie’s also plans to be open extended hours. There are a lot of opportunities for businesses to be open more hours in Old Town, she added.

“I see those brunch crowds waiting outside of The Creole and dinner crowd outside of Meat just looking for places to be entertained,” Schriener said.

The business brings three jobs to the area.

“I’m excited to be loud, silly and let that freak flag fly.”

Bad Annie's
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Wednesday, May 15

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

8-Hour ServSafe Manager Training - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. MSU Extension - Ingham County, 121 E Maple St., Room A, Mason. www.canr.msu.edu.

Active Senior Exercise - 9:15-10:15 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Clinton County Invasive Species Landowner Workshop - 6-7:30 p.m. Bengel Wildlife Center, 6380 Drumheller Road, Bath.

CSS RPT Faculty Forums - Faculty Affairs about Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure. 3-4:30 p.m. MSU, Rec Sports, IM West, Cycling Studio - Rm #151, East Lansing.

U.S. Citizenship Series - Overview of the U.S. Citizenship Test Part 2 5:30-7 p.m. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. 517-367-6363.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Meet Crazy Horse Family Elder & Author - 6:30-8:30 p.m. East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

Nonfiction Book Club - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Wednesday Morning Book Discussions - "Diary of Anne Frank" 10-11 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

EVENTS

17th Annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction - Hosted by The Children's Trust Fund. 5 p.m. Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Rd, East Lansing. 517-432-1989. e.givesmart.com.

2019 SCHA-MI Youth Advocacy Day - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 215 N Capitol Ave, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Allen Farmers Market - 2:30-7 p.m. Allen Market Place, 1629 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. 517-999-3911. allenneighborhoodcenter.org

CCBS Spring Migration Walks - 7-9 a.m. Capital City Bird Sanctuary, 6001 Delta River Dr., Lansing. michiganaudubon.org.

Community Fun Night - Free. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community Baptist Church, 7832 W Mt. Hope Hwy, Grand Ledge. communitybaptistlansing.com.

Greater Lansing Ride of Silence - from MSU to the Capitol to honor cyclists who have been killed. 5:30-8 p.m. MSU, Wells Plaza, 619 Red Cedar Rd., East Lansing.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Helping Women Period - 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

MTSA Monthly Board Meeting - for Michigan Transition Service Association, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Quality Suites, 901 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing.

Parks & Recreation Meeting - 7-9 p.m. Saint Johns. cityofstjohnsmi.com.

Shrimp Dinner 2019 - 6-9 p.m. Lansing Liederkrantz, 5828 S, Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing.

Spring Migration Bird Walk at Capital City Bird Sanctuary - 7-9 a.m. Lansing.

UMW Rummage & Bake Sale - Grand Ledge United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MUSIC

Camertone: International Chamber Soloists Concert Series - "Russian Night" 7 p.m. UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St. Old Town, Lansing.

Current Events - News junkies welcome! 1-2:45 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Drop-in LEGO Club (Ages 4 & Up) - 3-5 p.m. CADL Haslett Branch, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-339-2324.

ARTS

Growth Charts - Megan Hildebrandt - May 2 - June 28, 2019. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N Washington Sq, Ste 101, Lansing. 517-374-6400.

Painting Outside the Lines - featuring work of



517 Day Celebration: A Party for the People

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Made, the festival is in its second year, expanding to three locations.

The festival initially started as an online concept with the #517Day

hashtag. Brown created the social tag to highlight local businesses, people and entities within metro Lansing. Last year, the festival saw 400 attendees in the Lansing City Market.

Featured food trucks include Shove It Pizza, Fire and Rice, Clyde's Pit and Got Smoke BBQ. Brown said 517 Day celebrates all genres of music. Local performing bands include favorites like Global Village, Root Doctor and Tell Yo Mama.

"It's a party of the people for the people," Brown said. "I love this city and I love what we have to offer."

Maxine MacLeod. 12-4 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River, East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

Water School: Speak-in - Contribute your water story to our collection! 4-6 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing. 517-884-4800. broadmuseum.msu.edu.

Thursday, May 16

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

AARP Presents: Medicare 101 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meridian Senior Center, 4000 Okemos Rd, Okemos. 517-706-5045.

Hands, Feet & Balance - 1-2 p.m. Prime Time

Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Stretch, Flex & Balance II - 10:45-11:45 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

U.S. EPA: Michigan Water and Power Black Sky Workshop - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Depot, 1203 S. Washington Ave, Lansing.

Wild Walkers Club - 9:45-10:45 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 >> BOOK DISCUSSION WITH CRAZY HORSE FAMILY ELDER AND AUTHOR



Crazy Horse descendant Floyd Clown Sr. and author William Matson talk about their book "Crazy Horse The Lakota Warrior's Life and Legacy" based on the family's oral history. Crazy Horse was one of the Sioux leaders who defeated General George Custer at The Battle of Little Bighorn.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
East Lansing Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI (517) 333-2580
cityofeastlansing.com/824/
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THURSDAY, MAY 16 >> POTTER PARK WINE AND STEIN



Select beer and wine samplings from Michigan breweries and wineries will flow in this after hours event at the Potter Park Zoo. There will also be hors d'oeuvres from Lansing restaurants and a live performance from band "Tell Yo Mama."

5:30 to 9 p.m., \$25 advance/\$30 gate
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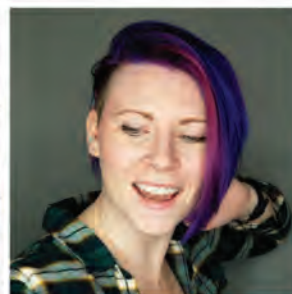
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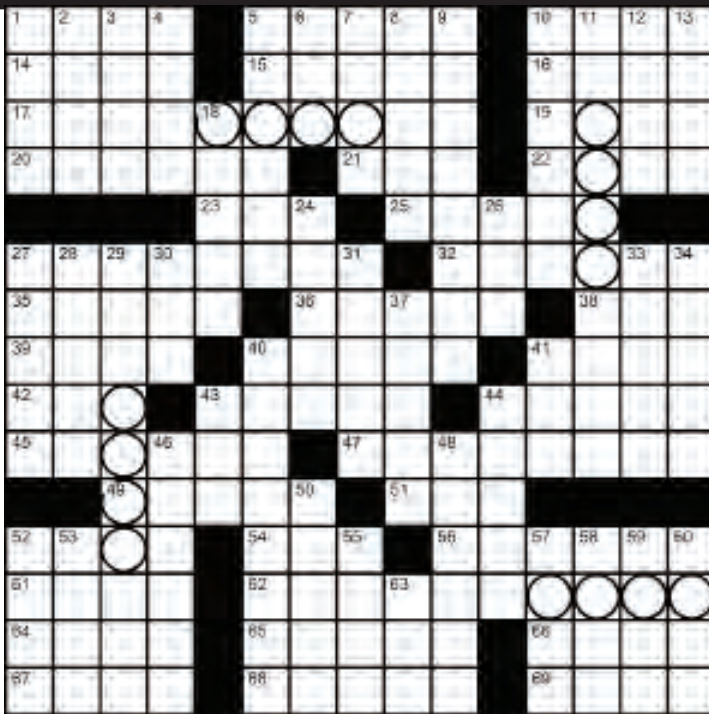
By Matt Jones

"A Few Good Turns"—cycling through.

Matt Jones

Across

- 1 Baked, so to speak
- 5 Cocoa substitute
- 10 Talk show host who's somehow board-certified
- 14 Cookie with a "Game of Thrones" variety in 2019
- 15 "Battlestar Galactica" commander
- 16 Become entangled
- 17 Luxury SUV manufactured in the U.K.
- 19 Singer Burl
- 20 Playground equipment
- 21 Avgolemono ingredient
- 22 Peregrine falcon place



- 23 Goopy stuff seen on Nickelodeon
- 25 Jousting outfit
- 27 Hurdle for a doctoral student
- 32 Freshen, in a way
- 35 "Three's Company" landlord
- 36 Grates harshly
- 38 2 + 1, in Italy
- 39 Troublemakers
- 40 Fielder's feat
- 41 Neologism for an extreme enthusiast (just added to Merriam-Webster's dictionary)
- 42 "___ the ramparts ..."
- 43 Revamp
- 44 Old movie holders
- 45 "Mr." in "Elmo's World" segments
- 47 Practice
- 49 Circulatory system components

- 51 Hunk of gum
- 52 Iowa State University town
- 54 John who appears in a 2019 episode of "The Twilight Zone"
- 56 Balkan capital
- 61 Boggs of the Red Sox
- 62 Relinquished
- 64 Dumpster emanation
- 65 Go on stage
- 66 "SNL" segment?
- 67 Got out
- 68 Loads cargo
- 69 Poetic tributes

Down

- 1 ___ d'oeuvres
- 2 "Dies ___" (Latin hymn)
- 3 Wilder who played Willy Wonka
- 4 Sty occupants
- 5 Paint job protectant
- 6 "And now, without

- further ___ ..."
- 7 Type of party chronicled in Mixmag
- 8 Psi follower
- 9 Pie chart alternative
- 10 Key of Beethoven's Ninth
- 11 Semi-aquatic mammal with webbed feet
- 12 Quarry deposits
- 13 Lemon peel part
- 18 Pumped up
- 24 Jeweler's measurement
- 26 Prefix trickily paired with "spelled"
- 27 Betelgeuse constellation
- 28 Shakespearean character in the NATO Phonetic Alphabet
- 29 Gave a thumbs-up to
- 30 Guitar maker Paul
- 31 He gets knighted in "Cars 2"

- 33 Asia-Europe border range
- 34 Nerve-racking
- 37 Phillips-head hardware
- 40 Strong holds
- 41 Galilee, e.g.
- 43 "Aladdin" song "Prince ___"
- 44 Decorated again
- 46 Negev, e.g.
- 48 They're gonna ... do what they do
- 50 Obsolescent contraction
- 52 Off-base, unofficially
- 53 Crafted
- 55 Unfoamed by
- 57 Caramel-filled Hershey's brand
- 58 Like many fans
- 59 "Scream 4" and "Party of Five" actress Campbell
- 60 Olympian war god
- 63 Mtn ___

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TO PLAY

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

Answers on page 40

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsky

May 15 - May 21, 2019

ARIES (March 21-April 19): According to humorist Dave Barry, "The method of learning Japanese recommended by experts is to be born as a Japanese baby and raised by a Japanese family, in Japan." As you enter an intensely educational phase of your astrological cycle, I suggest you adopt a similar strategy toward learning new skills and mastering unfamiliar knowledge and absorbing fresh information. Immerse yourself in environments that will efficiently and effectively fill you with the teachings you need. A more casual, slapdash approach just won't enable you to take thorough advantage of your current opportunities to expand your repertoire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I think it's time for a sacred celebration: a blow-out extravaganza filled with reverence and revelry, singing and dancing, sensual delights and spiritual blessings. What is the occasion? After all these eons, your lost love has finally returned. And who exactly is your lost love? You! You are your own lost love! Having weaved and wobbled through countless adventures full of rich lessons, the missing part of you has finally wandered back. So give yourself a flurry of hugs and kisses. Start planning the jubilant hoopla. And exchange ardent vows, swearing that you'll never be parted again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The Louvre in Paris is the world's biggest art museum. Over 35,000 works are on display, packed into 15 acres. If you wanted to see every piece, devoting just a minute to each, you would have to spend eight hours a day there for many weeks. I bring this to your attention, Gemini, because I suspect that now would be a good time for you to treat yourself to a marathon gaze-fest of art in the Louvre—or any other museum. For that matter, it's a favorable phase to gorge yourself on *any* beauty *anywhere* that will make your soul freer and smarter and happier. You will thrive to the degree that you absorb a profusion of grace, elegance, and loveliness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In my astrological opinion, you now have a mandate to exercise your rights to free speech with acute vigor. It's time to articulate all the important insights you've been waiting for the right moment to call to everyone's attention. It's time to unearth the buried truths and veiled agendas and ripening mysteries. It's time to be the catalyst that helps your allies to realize what's real and important, what's fake and irrelevant. I'm not saying you should be rude, but I do encourage you to be as candid as is necessary to nudge people in the direction of authenticity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): During summers in the far northern land of Alaska, many days have twenty hours of sunlight. Farmers take advantage of the extra photosynthesis by growing vegetables and fruits that are bigger and sweeter than crops grown further south. During the Alaska State Fair every August, you can find prodigies like 130-pound cabbages and 65-pound cantaloupes. I suspect you'll express a comparable fertility and productivity during the coming weeks, Leo. You're primed to grow and create with extra verve. So let me ask you a key question: to which part of your life do you want to dedicate that bonus power?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's time for you to reach higher and dig deeper. So don't be a mere tinkerer nursing a lukewarm interest in mediocre stories and trivial games. Be a strategic adventurer in the service of exalted stories and meaningful games. In fact, I feel strongly that if you're not prepared to go all the way, you shouldn't go at all. Either give everything you've got or else keep it contained for now. Can you handle one further piece of strenuous advice, my dear? I think you will thrive as long as you don't settle for business as usual or pleasure as usual. To claim the maximum vitality that's available, you'll need to make exceptions to at least some of your rules.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "All human nature

vigorously resists grace because grace changes us and the change is painful," wrote author Flannery O'Connor. I think that's an observation worth considering. But I've also seen numerous exceptions to her rule. I know people who have eagerly welcomed grace into their lives even though they know that its arrival will change them forever. And amazingly, many of those people have experienced the resulting change as tonic and interesting, not primarily painful. In fact, I've come to believe that the act of eagerly welcoming change-inducing grace makes it more likely that the changes will be tonic and interesting. Everything I've just said will especially apply to you in the coming weeks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There's a certain problem that has in my opinion occupied too much of your attention. It's really rather trivial in the big picture of your life, and doesn't deserve to suck up so much of your attention. I suspect you will soon see things my way, and take measures to move on from this energy sink. Then you'll be free to focus on a more interesting and potentially productive dilemma—a twisty riddle that truly warrants your loving attention. As you work to solve it, you will reap rewards that will be useful and enduring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Author Hélène Cixous articulated a poetically rigorous approach to love. I'll tell you about it, since in my astrological opinion you're entering a phase when you'll be wise to upgrade and refine your definitions of love, even as you upgrade and refine your practice of love. Here's Cixous: "I want to love a person freely, including all her secrets. I want to love in this person someone she doesn't know. I want to love outside the law: without judgment. Without imposed preference. Does that mean outside morality? No. Only this: without fault. Without false, without true. I want to meet her between the words, beneath language."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Capricorn author Henry Miller wrote that his master plan was "to remain what I am and to become more and more only what I am—that is, to become more miraculous." This is an excellent strategy for your use. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to renounce any tendency you might have to compare yourself to anyone else. You'll attract blessings as you wean yourself from imagining that you should live up to the expectations of others or follow a path that resembles theirs. So here's my challenge: I dare you to become more and more only what you are—that is, to become more miraculous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): London's British Museum holds a compendium of artifacts from the civilizations of many different eras and locations. Author Jonathan Stroud writes that it's "home to a million antiquities, several dozen of which were legitimately come by." Why does he say that? Because so many of the museum's antiquities were pilfered from other cultures. In accordance with current astrological omens, I invite you to fantasize about a scenario in which the British Museum's administrators return these treasures to their original owners. When you're done with that imaginative exercise, move on to the next one, which is to envision scenarios in which you recover the personal treasures and goodies and powers that you have been separated from over the years.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): "I hate it when people tell me that I should 'get out of my comfort zone,'" writes Piscean blogger Rosespell. "I don't even have a comfort zone. My discomfort zone is pretty much everywhere." I have good news for Rosespell and all of you Pisceans who might be inclined to utter similar testimony. The coming weeks will feature conditions that make it far more likely than usual that you will locate or create a *real* comfort zone you can rely on. For best results, cultivate a vivid expectation that such a sweet development is indeed possible.

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

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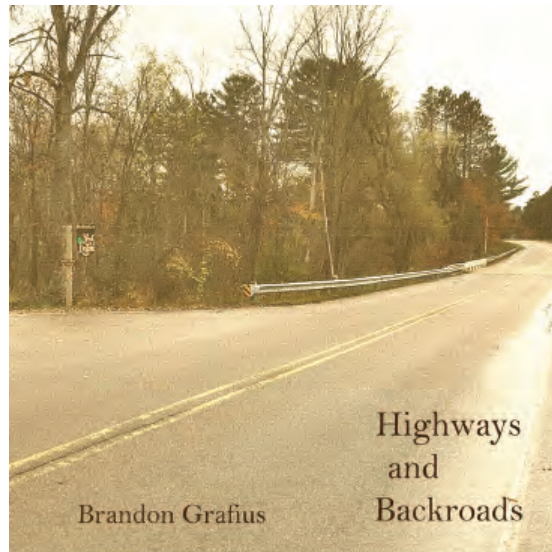
Thursday, May 16

BRANDON GRAFIUS AT THE ROBIN THEATRE



(photo credit Rev. Dan Plasman)

Brandon Grafius



Highways and Backroads
Brandon Grafius

"Highways and Backroads" album art (2018, Lost Mitten Records)

Local songwriter opens Adrian + Meredith show

Thursday, May 16 @ The Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave., Lansing. All ages, \$15, \$12 adv., 7 p.m.

This week, The Robin Theatre hosts Adrian + Meredith, a Nashville-based jazzy-folk duo comprising Adrian and Meredith Krygowski. Opening the show is Brandon Grafius, who released his reflective sophomore LP, "Highways and Backroads," last summer via Lost Mitten Records. The Mason-based troubadour has a rustic sound that reflects not only contemporary artists like Iron and Wine and The Lumineers but also voices from his past.

"The easiest way to describe it is 'Americana,'" Grafius told City Pulse. "My particular corner of Americana, the one I feel most indebted to, are the '70s singer-songwriters—people like Jim Croce, Gordon Lightfoot and early Neil Young. I

grew up with a lot of those records."

When he's not writing songs or performing across Michigan, Grafius is often commuting to his day job in the Motor City. He said it's a long drive, but worth the mileage. "I'm an assistant professor of biblical studies at a seminary in Detroit," he said. "I direct some of the master's thesis programs. Some of the students are studying to become pastors or chaplains of some kind. It's a fun environment. I'm in downtown Detroit and I can see Little Caesar's Arena from our building."

Creatively, Grafius said he's following up his album with another artistic medium: literature.

"I have a book that's being edited right now that should be out by the end of the year," he said. "It's called, 'Reading the Bible with Horror.' It looks at some of the more frightening passages of the Hebrew

bible."

As for his latest album, "Highways and Backroads," Grafius said he did his best to stay true to his folk roots, but also not fall into any clichés. To switch up his guitar-centric sound, he peppered the record with dashes of French horn, harmonica, piano, cello and violin.

"One of the challenges of the singer-songwriter album is a lot of them, after a few songs, start to feel like a guy with a guitar," he said. "There is a kind of sameness to all the songs, so I really wanted to find ways to shake up that formula."

"I hope that in the context of the album that it's pleasantly jarring, and it's not what you expect," he added.

It's not surprising that Grafius leans into classical instrumentation—it was a crucial part of his musical upbringing. His first piano lesson was at age 8, and by

high school he was playing bass in alt-rock garage bands. He never looked back.

"Music has always been a part of my life," he said. "I come from a very musical family. My parents met in the Michigan State Symphony when they were in college. My mom is still a professional harpist. So, I grew up around music."

For those wanting even more of Grafius' backstory, look no further than his sometimes-autobiographical album, "Highways and Backroads."

"Story-wise, I think it covers about 10 years of my life," he said. "'Sacramento' is about leaving California and moving back to Michigan. Even though it's the seventh song on the album, it feels like kind of the beginning of the narrative, if you were trying to map it on my life."

To sample the record, visit: brandongrafius.bandcamp.com.



Upcoming show? Contact Suzi@lansingcitypulse.com

DESTINATION	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Avenue Café , 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Coen Brothers Films Trivia 10PM	Open Mic 9PM	Culture Clash 9PM	DAOM's Dark Art Bizarre 9PM
Classic Pub & Grill , 16219 Old US 27	DJ Trivia 8PM	Keegan Jacko 8PM	Karaoke 8PM	Garage Sale Band 8PM
Coach's , 6201 Bishop Road				The New Originals 9PM
Crunchy's , 254 W. Grand River Ave.	Johnny Aimerier	Karaoke, 9PM	Karaoke, 9PM	Karaoke 9PM
The Exchange , 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies Band 8PM	Jeff Shoup & Friends 8:30PM	Avon Bomb 9PM	Avon Bomb 9PM
Green Door , 2005 E. Michigan Ave.		Karaoke Kraze	Deacon Earl-Soul Play 517	Miranda & the M80s
Lansing Brewing Co. , 518 E. Shiawassee	Trivia with Sporcle 9 PM		517 Party 5:17PM, Starfarm 8PM	The Aimeriers 7PM
The Loft , 414 E. Michigan Ave.			Nagazi 8 PM	Icon for a Night 8PM
Macs Bar , 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	FUNKnight 9PM		517 Day 7PM	
Urnicorn , 327 Cesar E. Chavez, Lansing			Live Music w/ Gina Garner Band 9PM	Frog & The Beeftones 9PM
UrbanBeat , 1213 Turner St.	Camertone: 7PM	New Horizons Jazz Band 7PM	Ljudmila Bondar 5PM	



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Chipmunk Story Time - 10-11 a.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

EVENTS

Country Line Dancing & Lessons at VFW Post #7309 - 7-9 p.m. 1243 Hull Rd., Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Duplicate Bridge - 4:30-8 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Free Brush and Yard Waste Drop Off - 3:30-5:30 p.m. Recycle Center, 1418 Grovenburg Rd, Holt. delhitownship.com.

Freud's Last Session - 7-9 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center for Performing Arts, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Mah Jongg - 1-3 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Michigan March for Medical Freedom - #MarchForMedicalFreedom 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Michigan State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol, Lansing.

Minecraft Night (Ages 8-15) - Registration (517) 485-5185 or visit cadl.org/events 5-6:30 p.m. CADL Foster, 200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing. 517-485-5185.

New Releases - The World Premiere of New Releases by Joseph Zettelmaier. 8 p.m. 122 S. Putnam Street, Williamston. michigan.org.

Tawas Point Birding Festival - Michigan Audubon, 2310 Science Parkway, Suite 200, Okemos. michiganaudubon.org.

UMW Rummage & Bake Sale - Grand Ledge United Methodist Church, 411 Harrison St., Grand Ledge 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wine & Stein 2019 - 5:30-9 p.m. Potter Park Zoo, 1301 S Pennsylvania, Lansing. 517-483-4222. potterparkzoo.org.

ARTS

Arts Council Meeting - 6-7 p.m. Eaton Rapids City Hall, 200 S Main St, Eaton Rapids. cityofeatonrapids.com

Crafting for a Cause - Put your knitting skills to work to help our community. 4-5:30 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St.

Painting Outside the Lines 12-4 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

Spring Flowers in Watercolor - Paint flowers! 1-4 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Teen Open Studio: Community Art Projects - 3-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Friday, May 17

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Active Senior Exercise - 9:15-10:15 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Beginner Meditation - 1-2:15 p.m. Prime Time

Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Beginning Drawing - It's never too late to learn to draw! 1-3 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Continuing Meditation - 2:30-3:30 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Fairy House & Garden Workshop (All Ages) - 4-6 p.m. CADL South Lansing, 3500 S. Cedar St., Lansing. 517-272-9804.

Furniture Facelift - Learn the basics from an LCC instructor. 5 p.m. LCC.edu/keeplearning

Life Stories - Participatory class. 1-3:15 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Zumba - 10-11 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

EVENTS

4th Annual United to Face Addiction Michigan Rally - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Michigan State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Euchre - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Freud's Last Session - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Holt Farmers Market Mini-Market - 2-6 p.m. Holt Farmers Market, 2150 Cedar St, Holt. delhitownship.com.

Howl at the Moon: Guided Night Walk - Dogs on a non-retractable leash and flashlights welcome. 9-10 p.m. Harris Nature Center, 3998 Van Atta Rd., Okemos. 517-349-3866. meridian.mi.us.

Living Room Reset with Kirk Cameron - Live in Person - 7 p.m. Lansing Center, 333 E Michigan Ave, Lansing.

MSU Horticulture Gardens Spring Plant Sale - 4-7 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue Street, East Lansing. 517-353-0328. canr.msu.edu.

TGIF Dance Party - 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Hawk Hollow, 15101 Chandler Rd., Bath. 734-604-5095. tgifdance.com.

MUSIC

Gallery Suite Jazz Series - 8-10 p.m. La Fille Gallery, 336 E Michigan Ave, Lansing.

ARTS

Mud & Mug - 7-10 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Stained Glass Panels - 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Teen Open Studio: Portfolio - Spring - 3-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Saturday, May 18

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Barre at the Art Festival - Join The Barre Code for a class on the main stage! 9-10 a.m. East Lansing Art Festival, Corner Bailey & Albert, East Lansing.

Education & Youth - Leaders Summit

FRIDAY, MAY 17 >> SEAN PATTON AT THE FLEDGE



Sean Patton is an L.A. and New York based comedian who's acted and performed throughout Canada and the U.S. He most recently made stand up appearances on "This Week at the Comedy Cellar" and "TruTV's Comedy Knockout" in 2018. He also acted in IFC's "Maron" and Comedy Central's "Inside Amy Schumer." A review from The New York Times said Patton is "the rare comic who goes over as well in a comedy club as in a bar basement."

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- What's the Itinerary? 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Woodcreek Achievement Center, 4000 Woodcreek Ln, Lansing.

Education Forum - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Spring Vale Christian School, 4150 S M-52, Owosso.

Organic Management of Insect Pests for the Small Farm or Garden - 12-2 p.m. Hunter Park GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Taste of Blacksmithing - Have you always wanted to try blacksmithing? 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2400 W. St. Joe, Lansing.

Taste of Woodworking - 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Lansing Makers Network, 2400 W. St. Joe, Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Fiction 440 #54 - At The East Lansing Art Festival 2:30-4 p.m. East Lansing.

Learn & Play (Ages up to 6) - Literacy content from Ingham ISD. 2-2:30 p.m. CADL Downtown Lansing, 401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing. 517-367-6363.

Melissa Grunow and Bryce David Salazar Book Reading & Signing - 7-9 p.m. Blue Owl Coffee, 213 Ann St., #C, East Lansing. 517-332-0112.

EVENTS

1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Ball 18 MAY 2019 - 5:30-11 p.m. Crowne Plaza - Lansing West, 925 S Creyts Rd, Lansing.

Dinner Dance - Dinner 5:30 - 7 pm. Dance 7- 11:00 pm. Lansing Liederkrantz Club, 5828 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing. 517-882-6330.

Family Freedom Festival - Community event 12-4 p.m. V.F.W. Post 701, 123 N. Rosemary st, 123 N. Rosemary St, Lansing. prichfred@prodigy.net.

Free Brush and Yard Waste Drop Off - 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Recycle Center, 1418 Grovenburg Rd, Holt. delhitownship.com.

Freud's Last Session - 8-10 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Lids For Kids - Join us at Marshall Street Fire Station 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 815 Marshall St., Lansing. 517-483-4200.

May Mobile Food Pantry - Bring a valid state ID or driver's license. 9-11 a.m. Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 201 W. Miller Road, Lansing. lansingmi.gov.

MSU Horticulture Gardens Spring Plant Sale - 7 a.m.-2 p.m. MSU Horticulture Gardens, 1066 Bogue, East Lansing. 517-353-0328. canr.msu.edu.

The Peoples Church Annual Used Book Sale - 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

Sunday, May 19

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CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Juggling - Learn how to juggle! 2-4 p.m. Orchard Street Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

God and Hamilton Faith and Arts in the Mix - 7-8:30 p.m. Sycamore Creek Church, 1919 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing.

The Peoples Church Annual Used Book Sale - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

EVENTS

22nd Annual "Strike Out Lupus" Bowling Fundraiser - 2:30-7 p.m. Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W. Grand River Ave, Lansing.

Film Screening - "Healing Justice" 5-8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 9905 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing. 517-351-4081.

Freud's Last Session - 2-4 p.m. Riverwalk Theatre, 228 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-482-5700. riverwalktheatre.com.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Mission: Williamston Benefit Concert - 3-5 p.m. Williamston United Methodist Church, 211 S. Putnam, Williamston. 517-655-2430.

Pokemon Go! Community Day - Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson, Grand

Ledge. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Scandinavian Society of Greater Lansing - 2- 5 p.m. at Bretton Woods Covenant Church, 925 Bretton Rd., Lansing. 517-482-8357.

MUSIC

The Spring Thing: Outdoor Picnic/Concert - 11:00am - 12:00am. Holt Christian Church, 2424 S. Washington Rd., Lansing. holtchristian.org.

Woldumar Folk & Bluegrass Jam - 2-6 p.m. Woldumar Nature Center, 5739 Old Lansing Rd, Lansing. 517-322-0030. re-news.net.

ARTS

2019 East Lansing Art Festival - Downtown East Lansing 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

55th Annual MSU Spring Arts & Crafts Show - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. MSU Union, 49 Abbot Rd, East Lansing.

ELAF - Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

"Painting Outside the Lines" - Art Exhibit - 12-4 p.m. The Peoples Church, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

Monday, May 20

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

4 Ever Young Drumming - 3-4 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Active Senior Exercise - 9:15-10:15 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

ICRA 8-Hour Awareness - Best Practices in Healthcare Construction 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sparrow Professional Building - 2nd Floor, Room E, 1200 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Raising a Healthy Family with Helena Miller - 6:30-8 p.m. Gilead Healing Center, 306 S Creyts Rd Lansing, Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Spanish Literature - Participants will read literature from Spanish-speaking countries. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

EVENTS

Community Health Improvement Plan 2019 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, 5303 S. Cedar, Lansing.

Euchre Group (Adults) - Pass the time and meet new people playing Euchre. 1-3 p.m. CADL Haslett Branch, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett. 517-347-2021.

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Ladies Who Lunch: Mixed Media Workshop - 1-4 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Mason Chess & Backgammon Club - 6-8 p.m. Bestsellers Books and Coffee, 360 S. Jefferson St, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Scrabble - 2-4:30 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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"Painting Outside the Lines" - 12-4 p.m. The Peoples Church of East Lansing, 200 W. Grand River Ave., East Lansing. 517-332-6074.

Tuesday, May 21

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Beginning Birding - A Prime Time favorite is back! 9-10:30 a.m. Abbot Road Park, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Mix Up Your Crops - Learn how to mix your crops up. 6-7:30 p.m. 800 W. Barnes Ave., Lansing.

Solutions Users Group - Join Maner Costerisan for this great opportunity to participate in our spring users group conference. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. LCC West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Read Aloud Group - 9-10:30 a.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

EVENTS

Hamilton - 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center, 750 E Shaw Ln, East Lansing. 517-353-1982.

Kiwanis of Grand Ledge Member Meeting - All Welcome! - 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St, Grand Ledge.

Line Dancing - 1-2 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com

ARTS

Chinese Brush Painting - It's spring! 1-3 p.m. Prime Time Seniors' Program, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. www.cityofeastlansing.com.

Growth Charts | Megan Hildebrandt - May 2 - June 28, 2019 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Lansing Art Gallery, 119 N Washington Sq, Ste 101, Lansing. 517-374-6400. lansingartgallery.org.

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Sansu

By **MARK NIXON**

Before we get to my international arch-nemesis, the Dr. Evil of dining utensils, let us begin with two words that conjure tranquility.

Mountain. Water. Or as they say in Japan: San. Su.

Marry the two words and you have Sansu, a remarkable restaurant anchoring one end of a strip mall in East Lansing. Sansu is, to anyone missing Japan or wanting to sample its cuisine, a gift from afar.

I'm no expert in Japanese cuisine. I defer to Judy, who has traveled and studied in that great land many times. Yet we both agree that Sansu has the best Japanese food in Greater Lansing, and well beyond.

From painstakingly prepared sushi to hearty udon noodles; from perfectly done shrimp tempura to the heady smokiness of steaming miso soup; whatever cranny we explored on the menu, Sansu delivered.

Dinner entrees automatically come with a small salad and piping hot miso soup. The salad is served very cold with a generous dab of dressing — I tasted toasted sesame and a hint of peanut sauce. The overall effect was perfection. A counterpoint to the cold salad was the miso soup. If you haven't tried this staple of Japanese cuisine, do yourself a favor. Just so you know: Unless you request a spoon, the soup reaches your table in a small bowl. Put bowl to lips, and sip — a very Japanese thing to do.

Now, let's turn to war. I have waged war on chopsticks for decades. They have won every battle. I am too clumsy, too eager to get food in my mouth. Chopsticks, to my Michigan Country Boy brain, were invented by sadistic monks who found them a convenient way to enforce fasting.

Judy handles chopsticks with élan. When I traveled to Japan, I carried a folding fork in my pocket. I tried chopsticks, but, overcome by hunger, I sometimes reached for the fork.

I said that Sansu delivers, and indeed

it does — forks! — one of humankind's great gifts to those plagued by fumble-finger-itis. Most folks sitting around us deftly used chopsticks. After 30 seconds of dropping sushi back onto the plate, I surrendered to the fork.

During two visits we ordered 10 appetizers and entrees. Sansu takes seriously the adage, "First you eat with your eyes." There is simple but refined artistry in the presentation of each dish. Even the stone-ware sauce bowls have a simple elegance.

Here is a rundown of some of the tastes Sansu delivered to our table:

— The beef udon (\$14) is a sturdy soup worthy of dinner on a bitter January night. The rich broth and slices of tender beef mingled with thick udon noodles served ever-so-al dente.

— The sushi sampler (\$11) held the glories of fresh slices of tuna and salmon, married to bite-size mounds of sticky rice. If you get a chance, visit the sushi bar where several sushi chefs intently prepare these delicacies. It's a show. Friends Bruce and Jan accompanied us on our second visit, and Bruce later emailed us: "Jan's salmon roll and my tuna roll were exceptional. Not only would we go again, we'd tell our friends they should try a meal or two there also."

— Bento boxes (price varies depending on what you order; roughly \$18). You see bento boxes all over Japan. Essentially, they are a mini-buffet all in

By **GABRIELLE LAWRENCE**

It's always thrilling and a bit surprising for me when I head out for lunch or dinner and have to wait for a table. I think it's because I so badly want to see local restaurants be successful and for people to skip over Applebee's or TGI Friday's to spend their money supporting something home-grown.



Gabrielle Lawrence/City Pulse

(Left to right) Maki Maki, Alaskan and Michigan rolls.

In the Lansing area, we are lucky to have several restaurants that serve two of my favorite types of cuisine — Middle Eastern and Japanese. While visiting Japan a few years ago, I was sure that I would return home and lament the lack of good sushi in our area.

To the contrary, mid-Michigan has some incredible sushi restaurants. Since

I have a husband who doesn't love sashimi quite as much as I do, I was excited to have a great excuse to visit Sansu over the past few weeks.

Mr. She Ate and I went to Sansu for an early dinner a few weeks ago and were told at 5:30 p.m. that the dining room was full, but there were spots available at the sushi bar. As I've said, the economic success of a thoughtful, locally-owned restaurant is more important to me than my own comfort, and we happily bellied up to the bar. We ordered a seafood pancake from our server, who disclosed that he was new on the job. Being unfamiliar with the appetizer, I agreed when he asked me if I wanted two pancakes instead of

just one. This was a mistake, as the pancake was the circumference of a dinner plate and laden with shrimp, scallops and squid. My mistake in ordering was further exacerbated by the fact that the pancake was void of flavor, and now we had enough left over that Mr. She Ate had to eat it for lunch the next day.

We had better luck with the salmon sashimi — one of my perpetual favorites at any sushi restaurant. When people inexperienced with sushi get nervous, most of them are fixated on the raw fish aspect. However, sushi can contain many other things such as smoked or cooked fish, vegetables, cream cheese or no seafood at all. Sashimi, on the other hand, is thinly-sliced, straight-up raw fish. Mr. She Ate was a sport and actually tried a few bites of the fresh salmon, which pleasantly surprised me as I imagined the healthy fats coursing through his veins.

After much debate, we ordered the Alaskan, Michigan and Maki Maki roll. While I love the uber-healthy miso soup and sashimi, mama also likes her tempura, and the Maki Maki roll commanded most of my attention. Essentially, a tempura-battered roll has fried breading either included inside or on top of it. The addition of tempura gives any roll a fantastic texture and a hefty increase in caloric intake, but for the Maki Maki roll, I threw caution to the wind and ate almost the entire thing. The roll had spicy tuna, avocado, wasabi mayo and was drizzled with a spicy fusion sauce. Put me to bed, I'm done.

The Michigan roll was my runner-up. With crab salad on the inside, the roll was topped with more fresh salmon. The Maki Maki roll needed no wasabi. The Michigan roll needed just the smallest hint. When I feel the need for a little more flavor with my sushi, I dip a chopstick into the dollop of wasabi — the green paste on the side of your plate — and mix it into my tiny bowl of soy sauce to make the wasabi more palatable and slightly dilute the nose-blow-

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one compartmentalized box, easy for a take-home meal or a picnic to take from home. Sansu's iteration comes in a stylish, lacquered wooden box. My beef bento box held a sampling of sushi, shrimp

tempura and tender beef slices, accompanied by broccoli and wafer-thin slices of ginger. Hate to sound like a broken record, but ... this was amazing.

— Pan-fried gyoza (\$7). These chicken and pork dumplings hold their own against gyoza I've tasted in Japan.

— Chicken katsu (\$15). These panko-encrusted slices of fried chicken breast have the perfect ratio of light

breeding to moist, tender meat. I thought it was smart to serve the chicken on a wire mesh rack so that the meat didn't puddle in its own grease.

Sansu's menu is expansive. There are eel dishes but, personally, no thank you. They remind me of snakes. If you imbibe in alcohol, I recommend a dry, warm sake. There's also a sake sampler for \$7.

If you plan on dining here, it's best to make reservations. We did so both times, for an early seating during weeknights. On both occasions, Sansu was brimming with people, including many who stood in the lobby awaiting a table.

When I review Lansing-area restaurants, I think of promise and potential. In Sansu's case, I'd say the verdict is clear: Promises made, promises kept.

She Ate

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ing intensity of the root's flavor.

The Alaskan roll, arguably the most

entry-level sushi of the bunch, found me letting each bite languish in my soy sauce dish while I tried to add more flavor. That said, the Alaskan roll is a great option for people such as my brother, who wouldn't be caught dead near a piece of sashimi. Salmon, asparagus, cucumber, crab stick and avocado never intimidated anyone and make for a

great entry to sushi eating.

When I returned for lunch, I decided to take a different turn and ordered a salmon bento box. These boxes come with several different compartments filled with lunch components. In my case, there was seaweed salad, orange slices, grapes, a tiny egg roll, tempura-battered vegetables, three pieces of a California roll, white sushi rice, a dumpling and a large piece of teriyaki salmon on top of steamed vegetables. In short, there was an absolute ton of food. After

gobbling up the tempura vegetables and seaweed salad, I made rounds through everything else and took several bites of the teriyaki salmon before deciding that the sauce was just too sweet for my taste. The bento was an interesting new thing for me to try, but considering just how much I love the sushi and sashimi, I'll take advantage of my opportunities to imbibe and stick to what Sansu does best.

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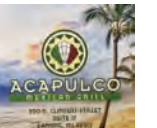
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