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My big hobby is cars. I bought this car new right out of high school. Then I got married in 1972 and sold it because I didn't have much money. About five years later, the guy wanted to sell it and I bought it back. I've kept it since.

The guy called me and he was in Wisconsin. I didn't have to drive there. He brought it in a trailer because he was trailering it to all these car shows.

He wanted to sell me the trailer too, but I didn't have any use for that. He only had it for five years, but luckily he didn't destroy it. Most of these cars get misused.

I take it out occasionally now. It is over 50 years old with 45,000 miles. Not bad for 50 years. I didn't really take many trips with it, only short ones.

I would like to take it on the Power Cruise one day. It is where classic cars, muscle cars and hot rods go on the road for 1,000 miles.

A 327 base V8 is under the hood with 300 horsepower. It is a four-speed. I could've gone up to a big 427 big block, but it was more money. Looking back, I think it was only \$100 extra.

It was pretty fast for back in the day. But compared to today's cars, it isn't fast.

It is a miracle I never crashed it or dented it. It does have some nicks where I had to have body work done. I'm used to driving a little too fast and I was blessed I didn't get in a wreck.

The maroon paint is all original. Same with the chrome. It is not mint because it is old. On fiberglass, the paint starts to crack so you won't see too many of these with original paint.

I do my own mechanical work on it. Lately, I've just changed the oil, transmission fluid and differential. The work has been about brakes a lot too since when a car sits, the brakes become an issue.

I don't really drive too fast. There was one time I got this thing up to 100 miles an hour, which was fast for back in the day. Nowadays that's not fast at all.

Not many people can say they still have a letter in the glovebox from the dealer congratulating you on your new Corvette. I can say that.

(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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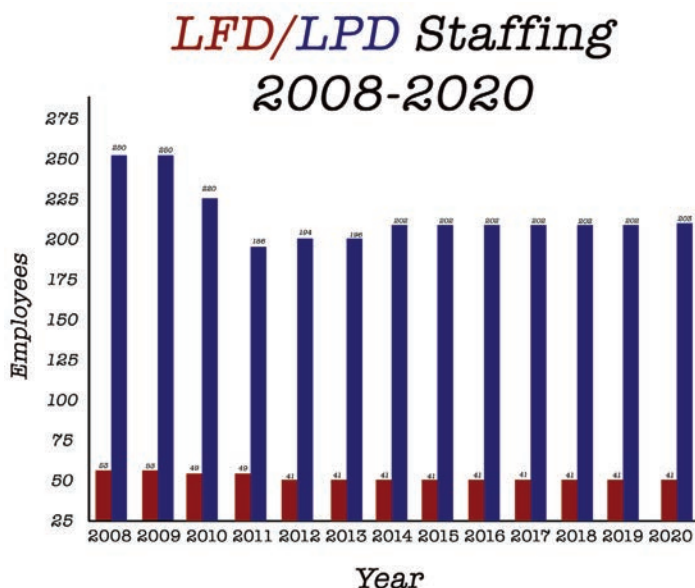
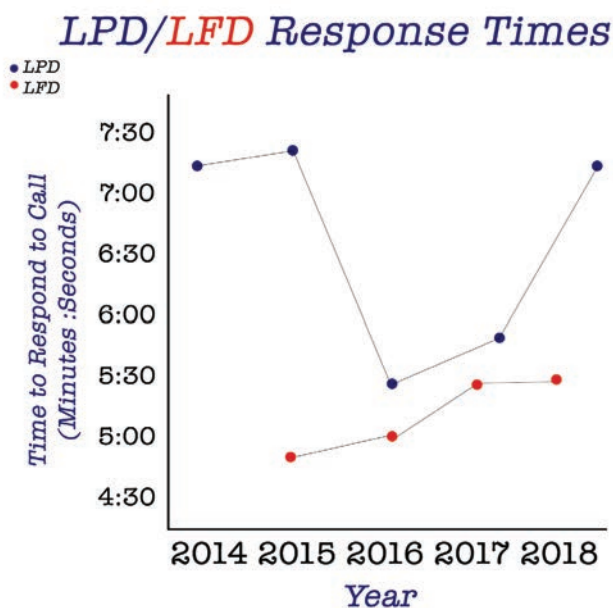
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NEWS & OPINION

‘Something is going to break’

Police and Fire departments struggle to keep Lansing safe



Source: City of Lansing Police and Fire Departments

Over the last decade, fewer first responders have taken more time to deal with a growing number of emergencies in Lansing. And it's pushing some officials to sound an alarm: Could public safety be reaching a breaking point?

A City Pulse analysis shows the Lansing Police and Fire departments — like many others nationwide — have struggled to regain adequate staffing levels in the wake of the Great Recession. Emergency calls still ring through as budgets tighten. Response times are climbing. And first responders are being pushed closer to the brink.

Lansing Mayor Andy Schor and State Rep. Kara Hope (D-Holt) are among several local politicians pointing fingers at the state legislature amid a plea for more cash. Lansing City Council members are also looking to shift around extra funds in next year's budget. But inside the departments, concerns are approaching a critical mass.

"It's no secret that the department — just like many other agencies — has lost resources over the years," said Lansing Police Chief Michael Yankowski. He said that much-needed help from the federal, state, county and local governments has decreased across the country and will likely continue to do so.

"Policing has changed," Yankowski said. "We've been forced to change. We've really tried to figure out how to police this city with fewer officers on the staff."

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Tobin said that every city department has had to do more with fewer people. "At some point, something is going to break," Tobin said. "I'm not saying that we're broken, but whether it's increases in injuries or wear on equipment, at some point, you could run into quality of care issues."

Over the last two years, high-priority response times at the Lansing Police Department jumped about 32% to an average of about seven minutes. Calls for service have climbed about 7% since 2013 to an average of 229 calls per day. The department, however, has lost about 20 percent of its staff (or about 50 officers) within the last decade.

Officials said overtime budgets are routinely exhausted within the first six months of the year. Community policing tactics, where particular officers are assigned to build relationships within local neighborhoods, have been bolstered under Yankowski's leadership. But those officers are often pulled from those streets for other calls.

"If you speak to any officer in the city

or to an Ingham County dispatcher, you will become keenly aware of the need for more officers," said Councilman Adam Hussain. "We are regularly requesting (officers from other agencies) due to call saturation and a lack of resources. Our officers are doing the best they can, but they are exhausted and being asked to do much more with much less. This is bad news for our community in general."

The FBI tracks an average of about 3.4 sworn officers per 1,000 residents nationwide. In the Midwest, that figure is about 2.2. Lansing's average — given decreased staffing over the last several years — rests at about 1.7 police officers for every 1,000 residents. And some officials said only eight officers could be on duty at any given time.

"Traffic citations are down. Arrests are down for driving offenses like drunk driving because our officers just don't have the time to be in the neighborhoods, on the streets, not responding to a call," explained Tom Krug, business manager for the Capital City Labor Program, the labor union representing the Police Department.

Police and fire departments across the

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SORE OF THE WEEK



Eye Sore: 2817 W. Saginaw Hwy.

This abandoned car wash isn't alone in Lansing. There are plenty of these empty and inoperable concrete stalls deteriorating on street corners across the city. This particular mess along Saginaw Highway — an unlucky example — just happens to have a massive billboard overhead to draw attention to its unfortunate existence.

Several inches of grass are rooting up through cracks in the concrete, both inside and surrounding the building. Amateur graffiti artists are working to cover up chipped paint. One stall looks more like a nursery than a place to wash cars; maybe the idea is to blend in with the weedy concrete expanse of the former General Motors Plant.

We'd ask, but the owner won't return our calls. And those at nearby businesses didn't want to talk about it.

Ingham County property records indicate the site was sold to John Herson of Primero LLC. in 2017 for \$145,000. He must be making up some cash from that billboard, because no cars have been washed there since. The last owner, local Realtor Paul Brown, said Herson had planned to "bring it back to life." It hasn't happened.

— KYLE KAMINSKI

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Departments

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country that were hit hard during the Great Recession — like Lansing — have struggled to rebuild their ranks. New retirements are announced every month while officials frontload the department with newly graduated recruits. And it has left both departments both fresh-faced and understaffed.

Data shows that arrests in Lansing have fallen about 84% since 2007. The number of reports written and tickets issued are also at their lowest points in years. Tickets issued fell about 49%; Reports written dipped about 20%. And proactive, special operations arrests — like for narcotics — have dipped about 84% in the same period.

Accordingly, the number of those booked into jail dropped about 40% from 2007 to 7,156 bookings last year.

Officers are also bolting for the door. At least six LPD officers retired in March, April and May, according to minutes from the latest Police and Fire Retirement System meetings. All but one of these officers bought service credits to retire ahead of the 25-year minimum requirement for retirement



Yankowski

amid ongoing collective bargaining with the police union.

“We are not supporting our first responders efficiently,” said City Councilwoman Jody Washington. “The added hours, stress and workload most certainly takes a hold of our valued employees. This can cause medical leaves and more. Our public safety employees deserve better. As response times increase, I do fear for our residents.”

Tobin and newly installed Fire Chief Mike Mackey painted a similarly gloomy picture at their department.

Call volumes across Lansing’s six fire stations have skyrocketed by about 45% since 2007 to about 22,000 calls last year. But while daily call volumes climb from 42 to 61, fewer employees have been around to answer the phone. City data showed daily minimum staffing has dipped from 53 first responders in 2007 to 41 in 2018.

Accordingly, the emergency response from LFD is about 11% slower than it was in 2015, city data showed.

“We can be our own worst enemy,” Tobin added. “If you take something away from a firefighter, we’ll just learn to overcome and adapt. We’ve seen a dramatic increase in on-duty injuries and mental health issues among our staff because of that. We’re starting to see the effect of us continuing to overcome and adapt all of these years.”

Added IAFF Local 421 President Dan Komm: “Do you want an ambulance in six minutes or three minutes? We’re to the point where our guys are getting tired. That all comes into play. It’s not that we won’t handle the work. We just need help to handle the work. We need to pay for these things.”

Schor and every member of the Lansing City Council wants to give more funding to public safety. Budgets for those departments — like nearly every year — continue to climb. Schor gave an

extra \$2 million to the Fire Department and \$1 million to the Police Department for FY2020. Council passed the budget without a hitch.

Schor said the city is trying to do its best with the resources it has.

“Unless you identify where the money is coming from, then all you’re doing is complaining,” Schor said. “We’re maxed out on our millages. We just don’t have the revenue to make it happen. A solution going forward, I think, is about better prioritizing the needs of the community.”

If city support for police officers and fire fighters is increasing, why is the net still fraying? There’s a bigger picture to consider. Ongoing legacy costs and basic city services can’t be cut, and aren’t getting any cheaper. Lansing City Council shifted funds in this year’s budget to hire a Chief Strategy Officer — a newly created, six-figure executive position who can help reduce the city’s budgetary dependence on unfunded pension and post-employment benefits liabilities. Those currently eat about 22% of the city’s \$226 million in annual revenue.

“We see this all the time with police and fire,” added Councilwoman Patricia Spitzley, who supports bringing a chief strategy officer on board. “Our core functions need to be on our neighborhoods and on public safety — meaning police and fire — and services for our residents.”

Council Vice President Peter Spadafore said layers of costs built into the city budget limit the resources available to beef up police and fire departments. “We can’t stop collecting trash or running other city services,” Spadafore said. “We really need to get a handle on our legacy costs before we start bringing in a bunch of new employees into these departments.”

Some elected officials also recognize that rising healthcare costs, newly negotiated salary raises and an overall increased cost of living can make it difficult for the city to keep those departments above water — even with modest, annual budget increases. Schor has also been vocal about a \$101 million problem with the state of Michigan.

“No state was hit harder by the recession than Michigan, with property values — and consequently, tax revenues — dropping by as much as half in some communities,” Schor said in a Lansing State Journal editorial. “That has left cities, townships and other municipalities across the state wrestling with very difficult spending decisions.”

The Michigan Municipal League points to some \$8.6 billion in state revenue

sharing payments from sales taxes that have been diverted from local municipalities to plug holes in the state budget since 2002. The city of Lansing alone has been a \$101 million victim of the legislature-sanctioned shakedown, according to MML officials.

“We can only guess how many lives might have been saved, how much property preserved, how many crimes prevented, had we had the benefit of the thousands of first responder positions that have been lost over the last 18 years,” Hope added, testifying in support of increased revenue sharing on the House floor earlier this month.

“This is their money. It’s not a grant or a gift. It’s money that rightfully belongs in local communities,” she said.

A portion of state sales taxes are redistributed to local governments. Those revenues have increased over the last decade, but revenues shared with cities like Lansing haven’t kept up with the pace, Schor argued. And unlike other nearby states, Michigan heavily restricts options for local governments to collect more tax revenue.

“While belt-tightening and penny-pinching have kept most communities from going bankrupt, there is only so much we can cut. We all need action from our state legislature,” Schor said. “Those are your tax dollars and they should have stayed right here in Lansing and gone toward funding the local services we all value.”

Officials at the Lansing Police and Fire departments, while their elected officials continue to navigate the budget, will continue to make do with the resources they have. They don’t have many other options.

“We need to take a long hard look at our budgetary issues and make some serious decisions,” Washington added. “We need to know what is necessary, what is duplicative, and how to have operations better run. This can have been kicked down the road for far too long. I do believe we will be at the breaking point in the very near future.”

If not? “We will find it more and more difficult to provide for the safety and security of our residents, employees, business owners, and visitors and, consequently, will find it incredibly difficult to attract new and retain what we have,” added Councilman Adam Hussain. “In short, we have a tough job and difficult decisions ahead of us.”

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Original sin

How Mitch McConnell and I — and every other white person — have benefited from white supremacy at the expense of our black neighbors

"I don't think reparations for something that happened 150 years ago for whom none of us currently living are responsible is a good idea," Senate Majority Leader Mitch

McConnell told reporters last week, as House Democrats prepared the first-ever hearing on the subject. "We've tried to deal with our original sin of slavery by fighting a civil war, by passing landmark civil rights legislation. We elected an African American president."

Ignore how much work the word "we" is doing in that sentence — as if McConnell hadn't spent his career fighting civil rights and literally breaking the Senate to weaken Barack Obama. Ignore, too, at least for now, the question of how reparations would work.

Instead, focus on the most important phrase in the quote, the one conservatives have been using to shift blame away from institutions to individuals who have long since been worm food: "for whom none of us currently living are responsible."

It would take more space than I have to demonstrate all the ways in which this statement is profoundly ahistorical and intentionally mis-



JEFFERY C. BILLMAN

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leading. But let's start with the basics: Freed slaves were promised 40 acres and a mule; they didn't get it. During Reconstruction, they were promised political power; white supremacists stole that, then violently subjugated them under Jim Crow. African Americans were denied access to jobs and economic and educational opportunities; black children were segregated into dilapidated schools. During the New Deal and in the postwar era, the federal government actively prevented African Americans from obtaining mortgages, effectively blocking them from building equity and passing along generational wealth to their descendants.

Meanwhile, local and federal housing policy forced African Americans into neglected housing projects that quickly became slums overrun by poverty and violence. Black neighborhoods were bulldozed in the name of "urban renewal" projects, their residents forced into those slums. From their comfy picket-fence suburbs, white folks shook their heads in patriarchal disappointment. But then those white folks' kids decided they wanted to move back into the cities, and these once-undesirable slums became hip, "up-and-coming" neighborhoods, where houses were bought on the cheap, gutted and flipped -- and the black people who lived there for

generations could no longer afford to do so.

History didn't stop with the Emancipation Proclamation, or Appomattox, or Juneteenth, or Reconstruction, or Brown v. Board of Education, or the Civil Rights Act, or the appointment of Thurgood Marshall, or the Voting Rights Act, or the election of Barack Obama.

Here's the thing about what Mitch McConnell called "our original sin": To think biblically, I didn't bite the apple, but Eve's sin corrupted me all the same. McConnell never owned a slave, but he's benefited from slavery and the institutions of white supremacy that followed. So have I. So has every white person in the United States -- rich or poor, educated or not -- and we've done so at the expense of our black neighbors.

There's a human instinct to chalk up our accomplishments to our own intellect or effort rather than our circumstance, but that's not how it really works. A black American child born into the bottom fifth of household incomes has only a 2.5% chance of rising to the top fifth of incomes. A white child born into the same circumstance has a 10.6% chance of making that climb. And black kids born into the top quintile are almost as likely to fall to the bottom as to stay at the top, while white children are five times more likely to stay wealthy than to sink.

"Because of these differences in economic mobility, blacks ... are 'stuck in place' across generations," according to a recent report from The Equality of Opportunity Project. "Their positions in the income distribution are unlikely to change over time without efforts to increase their rates of upward mobility."

Here's what "stuck in place" looks like: White households are worth about 20 times more than black households, and that statistic hasn't meaningfully changed in 50 years, as Ta-Nehisi Coates pointed out in The Atlantic. Unless you believe that African Americans are inherently lazier or less intelligent than whites -- which, by definition, makes you a white supremacist -- that points to

institutions rather than individuals as the root issue, which means that our original sin is society's cross to bear.

That brings us to reparations.

In 2015, a policy analyst estimated in Social Science Quarterly that the price tag for the stolen labor of enslaved persons could top \$14 trillion -- about four times what the federal government expects to raise in tax revenue this year. That's a lot of money. And the logistics could get messy: Should reparations be in cash or social programs? Should they be limited to descendants of enslaved persons or all African Americans?

But these are, at minimum, questions worth exploring. That's what House Democrats (and a few presidential wannabes) want to do -- and Republicans want no part of. In their view, slavery is long gone. White supremacy is an anachronism. There's no point in revisiting it, and certainly no point in redistributing funds to compensate those who've suffered from it.

Forget the money. This notion -- that structural racism is something that belonged to our great-great grandparents -- is fundamentally dangerous. It absolves us of our privilege. It enables us to imagine ourselves as superior -- smarter, harder-working, more creative -- to those on the lower rungs of the socioeconomic ladder. It deprives us of empathy.

So instead of uniform horror at the sight of thousands of migrant children being stuffed into overcrowded for-profit detention facilities, forced to sleep on cold concrete floors and forgo toothbrushes and towels, we're instead having a debate over the propriety of using the technically-accurate-but-somewhat-uncomfortable term "concentration camp."

White supremacy has never left. And until we fully reckon with it, it never will.

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

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Making your dog walk route litter free

Every morning and evening I summon my two little doggies, Leo and Raisin, to the front door, put on their leashes, pull out a plastic poopie bag and head out for our favorite activity, the walk! Depending on the time of year, I see the familiar sights in my neighborhood, the 100-year-old homes, the beautiful trees and flowers, and the view of the river as I amble down Moores River Drive.

What I don't see is litter.

About two months ago, I decided to start picking up litter on my dog walks. I kept seeing the same pieces of litter day after day, and I said to myself "Hey, I've got this bag in my hand, I might as well do this as

a community service, why not?" I was inspired by a recent podcast by comedian and writer David Sedaris in which he described his daily litter walks in the English countryside where he lives. I have been making a point of varying my route so I cover different streets and different blocks.

I am proud to say that lately I rarely see any litter in my neighborhood. It occurred to me that if other dog walkers all over the city did this, we could have a much cleaner city.

Think about it. Every day thousands of dog walkers cover thousands of miles with plastic potential litter bags in hand. My reason for writing this article is to urge people to take up this challenge and get your dog walk route litter free.

Guest Column

old homes, the beautiful trees and flowers, and the



Civilette

Litter begets litter. If there is a lot of litter around, people are more likely to be lackadaisical about picking up their litter and more likely to add more. The biggest litter problem is on main routes and public parks, in my case Moores River Drive, Moores Park and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. People especially litter in areas where they don't live.

These two areas take the most diligence. This is the one aspect of my quest that I sometimes don't enjoy. I prefer not to walk the dogs on MLK, but I make myself do it about once a week. Patrolling the park takes time because of its size. This is a sacrifice for sure, but I make a point to do a long walk on a nice weekend day and do a much-needed litter pickup.

Poop begets poop. The other somewhat unpleasant and possibly controversial aspect of my campaign is that I pick up other dogs' poop not picked up by assorted unneighborly

people, irresponsible dog owners and otherwise vile human beings. You do not have to adopt this part of the challenge if you don't want to, but hear me out. Picking up dog poop is unpleasant, we all know this, but if others see dog poop on the sidewalk, it will give them license to not pick up their dogs' poop. "Nobody else is picking up their poop, why should I?"

This can definitely get out of hand (have you been to France?). So I urge you to get past your resistance to this idea and do your neighborly duty by picking up the neighborhood doody.

So, Lansing dog owners, let's band together and clean up our city. You're already walking the miles, plastic bag in hand.

Level 1: Community participation; If you see something, pick it up, even if it's just a cigarette butt or straw, every little bit helps.

Level 2: Make a difference; If you're interested in doing a little more, I urge you to take up the harder parts of the challenge by patrolling busier streets and parks, and picking up yucky things like other dogs' poop and diapers.

One time I came back later with rubber gloves and a garbage bag to pick up a dirty diaper that needed to be picked up. It was sitting there day after day, and I realized nobody else was going to pick it up, so I had to. It took three minutes. Just sayin'.

The reward will come quickly. Like me, you will soon be walking through a pristine neighborhood, free of all litter and debris!

— KURT CIVILETTE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LANSING WAS HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES LOCATED AT 3209 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE, LANSING, MICHIGAN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Hayes, Clerk Aten, Treasurer Rodgers
Trustees: Harris, Bankson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees: Broughton, McKenzie
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gresens, Attorney

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD:

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hayes.
Minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2019, approved.
Agenda approved.
Approved MERS Participation Agreement.
Approved MERS Uniform 457 Supplemental Retirement Program Resolution.
Approved Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts & Service Credit Purchase Approvals.
Approved to table site plan review SPR-19-2.
Adopted Ordinance 75.1: Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments.
Adopted Resolution 19-09: Accepting terms of Agreement for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.
Adopted Resolution 19-10: Ambulance Purchase.
Approved 2019 Road Agreement.
Claims approved.
Executive session held to discuss labor negotiations.
Board returned to regular session.
Approved the agreement by and between the Charter Township of Lansing and Lansing Township Firefighters Union Local 2258 and authorized Supervisor and Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township.
Meeting adjourned.

Diontrae Hayes, Supervisor
Susan L. Aten, Clerk

CP#19-179

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN NOTICE OF POSTING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

On June 19, 2019 the approved minutes of the following proceedings of the Meridian Township Board:

June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting
June 11, 2019 Special Meeting

were sent to the following locations for public posting:

Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road
and the Township Web Site www.meridian.mi.us.

BRETT DREYFUS, CMMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

CP#19-177

RFP/19/125 Performance Contracting Services for City Facilities as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept proposals at the City of Lansing, C/O LBWL, Purchasing Office, at 1110 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, Michigan 48912 until **2:00 pm** Local Time in Effect on **July 23, 2019** At Which time RFP's will be opened. **Complete specifications and forms required to submit proposals are available by contacting Stephanie Robinson (517) 702-6197, stephanie.robinson@lbwl.com, or Marty Riel (517) 483-4079 marty.riel@lansingmi.gov or go to www.mitn.info.** The City of Lansing encourages proposals from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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B/19/124 AMMUNITION FY20 as per the specifications provided by the City of Lansing. The City of Lansing will accept sealed bids at the CITY OF LANSING, C/O LBWL, PURCHASING OFFICE, at 1110 S. PENNSYLVANIA AVE., LANSING, MICHIGAN 48912 until **2:00 PM** local time in effect on **JULY 16, 2019** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read. **Complete specifications and forms required to submit bids are available by calling Stephanie Robinson at (517) 702-6197, email: stephanie.robinson@lbwl.com or go to www.mitn.info.** The City of Lansing encourages bids from all vendors including MBE/WBE vendors and Lansing-based businesses.

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Lansing Bike Co-op hits a bump

Ingham County Land Bank puts community hub up for sale

In its brief five years of existence, the Lansing Bike Co-op has had its fair share of difficulties. It had no home at all for its first six months, then moved into a building with no heating or plumbing.

Gradually, the co-op fixed up its small, one-story headquarters on the northwest corner of Leslie and Kalamazoo streets, established a foothold in Lansing's east side and built its membership to about 350-400 annual members, according to President Aaron Fields.

Now the co-op is facing its biggest challenge to date: the building, owned by Ingham County Land Bank, is up for sale.

The Land Bank's decision to sell, made official this June, left the co-op with three options: try to raise money and buy the building, find a different location, or shut down.

Fields said the board decided on the

first option.

"We're in the process of submitting an offer right now," he said.

The next step is to raise the asking price of \$40,000 by the beginning of 2020. The co-op plans to launch an online fundraiser in a matter of weeks.

"We wrote an offer to purchase the building at asking price, with the contingency that we would be given six months to raise the money," said Fields. "We don't want to go to a bank for a number of reasons, so we think that it's going to be a better option to fundraise."

Raising almost \$7,000 a month is a tall order, but co-op board members have reason to be hopeful.

"There are a lot of people who have seen us in the community and we've been supportive of a lot of things that have been important to the community," said board member Colleen Synk. "The hope is that we've been here for a while and a lot of people see the added



Photo courtesy of League of Michigan Bicyclists

Repair classes are a regular feature of the Lansing Bike Co-op.

value in having the co-op there."

The all-volunteer co-op holds five-week classes that range from basic bicycle maintenance and repair to special topics such as bike commuting, bike touring and wheelbuilding. The co-op asks for a \$40 donation to take a class, but people who can't afford it can get a scholarship, thanks to a mini-grant from the League of Michigan Bicyclists.

Classes emphasize hands-on experience, with the goal of "bicycle independence" for every learner. The small shop is equipped with workstands and shop bicycles to practice on.

The co-op is also a community hub for bicycle nuts and casual riders to hang out and learn from each other.

"It's going to be an all-hands-on-deck situation, but I'm optimistic," Fields agreed. "I think we're an organization that is valued by the community, and once people are made aware of the situation, I'm hoping they'll be generous."

Another cause for optimism, Fields said, is the Land Bank's seemingly genuine interest in keeping the co-op in its current building, despite the fact that there are two additional offers currently on the table to buy the property.

Next week, the Land Bank's board meets to review the three offers on the table. The Land Bank wants to keep the bike co-op where it is, according to

Chairman Erik Schertzing, but only if the economics line up.

"The Land Bank has invested a lot of money to make it usable, and that property has a value, so we need to more or less get some of our value out of these properties," Schertzing said.

But that doesn't mean the Co-op will inevitably end up out in the cold.

"For the three offers that have come in, I think that based on conversations with the potential buyers and the board, and talking to community members in the city of Lansing, the bike co-op's offer is likely to be one the Land Bank board members would look at favorably," Schertzing said.

Fields said it's "put up or shut up time" for the Co-Op.

"The reality is we're not going to find another building in this neighborhood should we lose this spot," he said. "It's just not going to happen, and it's become kind of a make or break moment for us. Which is a little bit scary, but if everything works out and we end up getting it, that means some pretty good, long-term stability for the organization."

— GREG MONAHAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS EAST LANSING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given of the following public hearings to be held by the East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, July 17, 2019** at 7:00 p.m., in the 54-B District Court, Courtroom 1, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing:

1. A public hearing will be held to consider a variance request from Mohamed Shetiah for the property located at 947 Trowbridge Road, in the B-2, Retail Sales Business District, from the following requirement of Chapter 50 – Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

Section 50-813(2) – Minimum number of stacking spaces for restaurant uses of 10 per window. The applicant is proposing a Biggby coffee shop with a drive thru window with six stacking spaces.

2. A public hearing will be held to consider an application from ABCD Properties LLC for the property located at 1108 E. Grand River Ave., in the East Village District, for multiple variances and an interpretation from the following requirements of Chapter 50 – Zoning Code of the City of East Lansing:

Variance: Section 50-812(2)r.2 – Required parking ratios for "other" non-residential uses. The applicant is proposing four parking spaces when nine are required.

Variance: Section 50-815(4) – Parking and driveway setbacks. The applicant is proposing parking spaces having no setback to the side property lines at the northwest and southeast areas of the property.

Interpretation of Section 50-94a(b)(6) – No medical marijuana provisioning center shall be allowed to locate within 500 feet of the lot lines of another medical marijuana provisioning center except that in the medical marijuana provisioning center facility overlay district located in the DDA District, no medical marijuana provisioning center facility shall be permitted to locate within 1000 feet of another medical marijuana provisioning center facility.

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

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

Jennifer Shuster
City Clerk

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'Unbreakable' Ali McManus takes Common Ground stage

By DEONA THOMAS

Common Ground begins Thursday with a line-up brimming with modern day twang. The roster features a satisfying blend of Grammy-award winners, college radio chart toppers and local rising talent.

Brandi Carlile, City and Colour and 22-year-old Michigan artist Ali McManus will all take the stage on opening day. McManus, a first-time Common Ground performer, plays guitar and piano. Her original lyrics spring from a lifetime facing down formidable physical limitations most people never face.

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When McManus was developing her passion for music, it was as a means of therapy. Born three months premature, she spent a majority of her childhood in the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, waiting for doctors to figure out a diagnosis. Since age seven, Ali has been in a wheelchair and said it took years until she was officially diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta — a rare bone disease that required several spinal surgeries and a full-body cast.

Listening to McManus's dynamic vocals during one of her open hearted acoustic sets, it's hard to believe the singer has only 30% lung capacity. It was winning battles such as this that

encouraged McManus and her mother to take her talent to the next level. Through the Dick Wagner Remember The Child Fund, McManus was introduced to producer Jack Douglas, whose work dates back to the '70s collaborating with John Lennon, Aerosmith and Alice Cooper.

In 2018, McManus released her debut album, "Unbreakable" and has been nominated for five Detroit Music Awards. Ali also uses her platform as a way to motivate people as both a musician and motivational speaker.

The following days will highlight ZEDD, who won a Grammy for Best Dance Recording in 2014, and Ann Arbor-born DJ Elephante. Jenna Meyers, marketing director at MiEntertainment Group, said this is the first year that the festival will have a "pop night that leans more EDM."

Meyers has been a part of the festival since its inception in 2000, and said that in the past 10 years, the majority age of the audience ranges between 18-35 and hip hop night draws the biggest crowd.

Other big names gracing Lansing this weekend include rap royalty Playboi Carti, YG and Big Boi — the latter widely known for being one-half of Grammy winning hip hop group OutKast.

Meyers added that with a star-studded line up of contemporary artists, she anticipates "four strong nights this year."

In doing so, the event has set forth



McManus

some basic requirements for festival-goers.

According to the festival's website, bags that are bigger than 6 by 6 inches are not allowed. Furthermore, no outside food, alcohol, selfie sticks, laser pointers and skateboards are permitted on festival grounds. Those with food allergies will need to show medical documents in order to bring food past the entry gates. Wheelchairs as well as accessible seating, parking and restrooms are all available at the festival.

As for McManus, she hopes her presence at the festival will serve as a reminder to people of any ability the power of perseverance.

"One thing that I hope to accomplish this year at Common Ground is to inspire at least one audience member through my original music and my performance," McManus said.

McManus' set Thursday will feature her, guitar and nothing else at 4 p.m. on the Auto Value Stage. Discounted tickets are available on her personal website at alimcmanus.com.



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The masters of minimalism behind 'Popcorn Falls'

By **DAVID WINKELSTERN**

I counted 16 speaking parts in “Popcorn Falls.” The roles embrace characters old and young, male and female with various occupations that include mayor, janitor, waitress, sheriff, schoolteacher, undertaker, librarian and one-handed carpenter. I also counted only two cast members in my Williamston Theatre program.

The Playbill was correct.

It’s true that Aral Gribble plays Mr. Trundle, the new mayor of “Popcorn Falls”— a small town where a landmark waterfalls, and hope, seems to have dried up. As listed, Patrick Loos certainly plays “Joe” — the mayor’s “executive custodian.” In less than 90 minutes, with no intermission, the pair also manages to portray all the various townsfolk and characters in “Popcorn Falls.”

Using the “William Tell Overture” to start and end the play was the perfect soundtrack for a rapidly moving, rotating multi-role spectacle.

Loos assumes most of the roles with minimal props and no costume change. A comb becomes a villain’s mustache, a pencil identifies a smoking teacher, a mop head is a cat and a duster is a head adornment. Many of the embellishments defining character switches come from Joe’s custodial cart. The ridiculously limited alterations are a big part of the amusement in “Popcorn Falls.” Loos’ outrageousness and wild role shifting earns the most laughs in a full-of-chuckles play.

Although Gribble switches to only about a third of the play’s characters — never abandoning his three-piece suit — Gribble adds more voice alterations. Both actors are equally adept at racing from scene to scene and role to role with a rehearsed accuracy that dazzles. Their non-stop personality and mood changes are dream challenges for master actors and a nightmare for novices. The experienced Loos and Gribble clearly master the rapid and complex changes in “Popcorn Falls” with an ath-

letic and melodramatic finesse.

Sometimes the action portrayed by the duo is more mime than traditional acting. Feigning drinking from imaginary glasses or running a cash register that isn’t there — with exaggerated vocal imitations — adds to the folly.

Director Dave Davies keeps the ever-shifting madness running smoothly. Lex van Blommestein’s minimal set is a suitable playground for a play that indeed becomes the ground for a play-within-the-play.

Alexis Grace Clark provides the numerous props and physical gimmicks that allow the actors to bounce from one persona to another, including a chalkboard to label many of the scenes. Music stands and a podium are cleverly adapted to represent multiple pieces of furniture. Simple things provide multifarious options.

The charm of the play is mostly watching the actors quickly transform into often hilarious characters.

On the other hand, James Hindman—who is also an actor—writes a script that has unpredictable, corny jokes suitable for movies such as “Airplane!” or “Naked Gun.” And making fun of theatre in “Popcorn Falls” helps make seeing it in a theater more fun.

The official opening night crowd laughed all through the zingers, silly character conversions and occasional bathroom humor. They gave it a raucous standing ovation at its end.

Just like the play, Williamston Theatre caps its 13th season with a happy ending.



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A summer of murder, mystery and intrigue

By **BILL CASTANIER**

It was the summer of '58 when I first read "Anatomy of a Murder." I borrowed my grandmother's Book of the Month Club edition and furiously read through it. It was my introduction to legal thrillers and mysteries.

It was 10 years ago this past spring that my spouse and I, along with the Marquette Library Director as a tour guide, visited the gravesite of the book's author, John Voelker, who wrote under the penname of Robert Traver.

It was this past Friday when I joined my spouse and 18-year-old grandson to watch the 240-minute movie based on the book. In total serendipity, I read a



Courtesy Photo

The Lumberjack Tavern near Marquette still makes hay out of murder.

newspaper article on Saturday about the Marquette County Courthouse hosting two showings of the 1959 movie in honor of the 60th anniversary of its world premiere.

The movie is sold out, but if you are anywhere near Marquette this summer it's worth the time to tour the sites described in the book and learn more about the book's author.

In March 1959, the cast and crew of "Anatomy of a Murder" arrived in Ishpeming by train to begin filming the movie based on an actual 1952 murder which took place in nearby Big Bay.

Voelker, who later became a Michigan Supreme Court Justice, was the defense attorney for an U.S. Army lieutenant who had shot and killed a bar owner for allegedly raping the lieutenant's wife.

In the movie, Jimmy Stewart played the small town defense lawyer who defended Ben Gazzara as the killer. Lee Remick was the wronged wife of Gazzara after replacing Lana Turner, the original choice. A young George C. Scott was the chief antagonist as the County Prosecutor.

Duke Ellington provided the haunt-

ing jazz score, but also had a cameo in the movie. In a genius move, Otto Preminger, the movie's esteemed director, cast Joseph Welch as the judge. Welch had already starred in a real trial as the chief counsel to the U.S. Army in the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings. It was Welch who asked McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, Sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?" Welch would go on to play the judge in

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"Judgement at Nuremberg" in 1961.

The cast and crew spent 21 days filming in

Marquette and nearby sites including the Lumberjack Tavern in Big Bay. The bar is the site of the murder and where a stylized outline of the body of the bar owner, by artist Saul Bass, from the film is still displayed on the floor. Notably, Bass executed one of the most memorable film art titles with a disassembled body lying on the floor in black outline. It also became the art for the film poster and lobby cards.

The Marquette area has a self-guided tour of the sites and scenes pertaining to the killing and movie. The Marquette County Courthouse, which has been restored and is on the National Register of Historic Places, is the best site to begin. A display in the courthouse lobby provides insight into what transpired along with movie shots. If court is not in session, you can visit the second-floor courtroom where the trial was held.

Nearby is the Landmark Hotel and the site where cast and crew bedded down at night. Roam the halls and locate the rooms where the likes of Amelia Earhart, Abbot and Costello and Jim Harrison stayed. A visit to the hotel's pub is a necessity if only to ask the bartender about the day in 2002 when the Rolling Stones came to town for a funeral and had an early morning eye opener while sitting at the bar.

A 30-mile jaunt north will take you to Big Bay, the site of the murder at the Lumberjack Tavern, where you can view memorabilia and load up on souvenir shot glasses.

Next door is the Thunder Bay Inn, where several scenes in the movie were filmed. In nearby Ishpeming, you can still visit the Mather Inn where a press briefing and luncheon was held for the cast and Governor G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams.

Other sites on the tour are the Butler Theatre, Jack's Teepee Bar and the former site of the Roosevelt Night Club, now Globe Printing. It was there, at a party, that every member of the cast autographed the wall.

One of the most fascinating sites is the old Carnegie Library which was used to film the scene where the trial judge looks in on Jimmy Stewart and his assistant going through law books from a door window. Behind the scenes, the judge is actually looking out from the men's bathroom. One place you won't likely find is Voelker's beloved cabin at Frenchman's Pond, his favorite fishing hole. The location is still kept secret and only Voelker's best friends were allowed on site.

John Voelker is buried in Ishpeming Cemetery with an unremarkable grave stone. The real mystery: where is his wife buried? There is no stone to mark her grave.

I asked that question, later that year, during a presentation at the Bay View Library. It was answered by a relative of Voelker, who happened to be in attendance: "Lake Superior."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WHERE'S WALDO? July 1 - 27

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TOP OF THE TOWN WINNERS 2019

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THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN

And we're back. This year's Top of the Town contest pulled in 143,912 votes for the top three, ranking some of the most popular, innovative businesses and people in the area. This friendly competition gives residents of the greater Lansing area a chance to show their favorite community hubs, personalities and local oddities the appreciation they deserve — with a few jabs at local politicians and eyesores along the way. With 239 categories, nearly 100 more than last year, there's no time for formalities. Let's get to the winners.

New Categories

With more categories for people to pick from, the winners in this year's contest reflect a wide range of services and reveal new details about longtime Top of the Town champs. For example, who knew Lansing's signature Italian spot for decades also had the best ranch dressing in town? The new Best Bagel category shined a light on a small shop outside city limits that adds a psychedelic note to its baked goods. A few hidden treasures came to light in the categories of Best Classical Musician,

Best Cemetery, Best Place to Play Video Games, Best Pottery Studio and Best Apartments, to name a few. New categories will be indicated on our expansive list of winners.

Heavy-weights

Year after year, Lansing remains loyal to its day-one grocery stores, food trucks, dry cleaners and many other older businesses. Horrocks cleaned house, with 122,659 votes nominating them in the top three across 15 categories. El Oasis returned to the top for Best Food Truck — one of the more competitive categories — with 158 more votes than the closest contender. Lansing also showed up to shower family owned businesses like Baryames Cleaners and Abood Law Firm with appreciation. Spiral Dance Bar lost its footing last year for Best Dance Bar, but returned to the throne with its reputation for Best Gay/Lesbian Bar intact. Another townie stalwart is DeLuca's Pizzeria, which has been a contender in the top three for Best Italian, Best Family Restaurant and Best Pizza for three years. This year, they take the crown for all three.

Close Calls/Upsets

While it's important we honor those who came before us, this contest also strives to highlight up-and-coming trends, businesses and cultural players in Lansing. After two years of beating out international coffee chains, the east side's Strange Matter took second to Blue Owl for Best Coffee Shop. Turns out people really give a hoot about low-key open mics and steampunk fixtures — and let's not forget about the customized bike cart. Golden Harvest had a run for its title this year for Best Pancakes, with one point separating them from Sophia's House of Pancakes in Grand Ledge. The most searing battle was arguably for Best Fast Food, where a locally owned gem rose to glory, defeating its contenders Chick-Fil-A and Culver's by three votes. Those looking to get their worship on may already be aware of the friendly rivalry between St. Gerard and Riverview Church for Best Place of Worship. Similar to last year, it was neck and neck, the final decision made by a margin of three votes. The biggest landslide this year was no

doubt Best Officer, where a member of the Bath Township Police Department cruised to the top with 2,387 more votes than second place and the runner-up combined.

New champions

Stateside Deli and Meat Southern BBQ appear to have stepped up their game this year, breaking up other contenders' winning streaks for Best Reuben and Best Nachos. Punk Taco brought el fuego ranking in Best Tacos, Best New Restaurant and Best Margarita. While our voters have a knack for irony, when it comes to Best Advocate and Best Politician, it's nothing but respect. With 917 votes, readers seem to be pleased with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer as their new, fearless leader.

Now that we've established some trends and key destinations to look for during your Top of the Town journey, navigating our gigantic list of winners will come with ease. While you're at it, take out a pen and start marking some new places and experiences to help you break from routine. Or have a debate with family and friends over the results.

THE WINNERS:

Best Bar

Best Cocktails:
Zoobies

American Fifth Spirits — Second Place
Bridge Street Social — Runner Up

Best Dance Bar:
Spiral Video & Dance Bar

Green Door — Second Place
The Avenue — Runner Up

Best Gay/Lesbian Bar:
Spiral Video & Dance Bar

The Avenue — Second Place
Esquire — Runner Up

Best Happy Hour:
Houlihans

Crunchy's — Second Place
Zoobie's — Runner Up

Best Jam Night:
The Green Door Bar & Grill

The Avenue Cafe — Second Place
Moriarty's Pub — Runner Up

Best Karaoke:
Crunchy's

The Avenue — Second Place
Le Roy's Classic Bar & Grill — Runner Up

Best Lansing Area Brewery:
Lansing Brewing Co.

Ellison Brewery + Spirits — Second Place
BAD Brewing Co. — Runner Up

Best Lansing Area Distillery:
American Fifth Spirits

Lansing Brewing Co. — Second Place

Ellison Brewery + Spirits — Runner Up

Best Neighborhood Bar:
Dagwood's

Harry's Place — Second Place
BAD Brewing Co. — Runner Up

Best Open Mic Night:
Sir Pizza (Old Town)

The Avenue — Second Place
Moriarty's Pub — Runner Up

Best Pub/Tavern:
Zoobie's

Moriarty's Pub — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Spartan Sports Hangout:
Crunchy's

Nuthouse Sports Grill — Second Place

Spartan Hall of Fame Cafe — Runner Up

Best Sports Bar:
Nuthouse Sports Bar

Buffalo Wild Wings — Second Place
Buddie's - Holt — Runner Up

Best Dining

Best Asian Buffet:
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar Woodlake

Hibachi Grill & Buffet — Second Place
Asian Buffet — Runner Up

Best Bakery:
Bake N' Cakes

Roma Bakery — Second Place
Flour Child Bakery — Runner Up



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Winners

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Best BBQ:
Meat. Southern BBQ

Saddleback BBQ — Second Place
Smoke N' Pig BBQ — Runner Up

Best Brunch:
Soup Spoon Cafe

Golden Harvest — Second Place
Beggars Banquet — Runner Up

Best Breakfast:
Golden Harvest Restaurant

Good Truckin' Diner — Second Place
Soup Spoon Cafe — Runner Up

Best Bagels:
Flour Child Bakery

Panera Bread — Second Place
Big Apple Bagels — Runner Up

Best Burger:
Dagwood's

Crunchy's — Second Place
Five Guys Burger & Fries — Runner Up

Best Chinese:
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Best Late Night Food: Fleetwood Diner

Famous Taco — Second Place
Pizza House — Runner Up

Best Margarita: El Azteco

Punk Taco — Second Place
Cancun Mexican Grill — Runner Up

Best Mediterranean Restaurant: Zaytoon

Woody's Oasis — Second Place
Sultan's — Runner Up

Best Mexican Restaurant (Chain): Cancun Mexican Grill

Los Tres Amigos — Second Place
Charro-East Lansing — Runner Up

Best Mexican Restaurant (Non-Chain): Pablo's Old Town

Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck) — Second Place
Aldaco's Taco Bar — Runner Up

Best Nachos: MEAT BBQ

El Azteco — Second Place
Buddies - Holt — Runner Up

Best New Restaurant:



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"One thing we do that the old bar didn't is we aren't just a pizza and wings joint," General Manager Jamie Jorgenson said. "We do have quite a few options for vegetarians and vegans." A new menu coming within the next few weeks will feature even more options for the veggie crowd, she added.

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Art's Pub

Punk Taco — Second Place
Klavon's — Runner Up

Best Olive Burger: Kewpee Sandwich Shop

Dagwood's Tavern & Grill — Runner Up
Olympic Broil — Second Place

Best Pancakes: Golden Harvest Restaurant

Sophias House of Pancakes — Second Place
Good Truckin' Diner — Runner Up

Best Pizza: DeLuca's

The Cosmos — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

Best Ramen: Ruckus Ramen

Sapporo Ramen — Second Place
City Limits — Runner Up

Best Ranch Dressing: DeLuca's

Jet's Pizza — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Beer List: HopCat

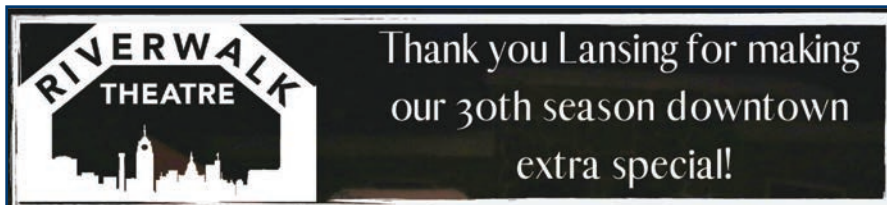
Lansing Brewing Co. — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Restaurant for Seniors: Coral Gables

Spud's Family Restaurant — Second Place
Denny's — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Waitstaff Person: Tim (Golden Harvest)

Adrian Smith (Buffalo Wild Wings) — Runner Up
Chelsea Brown (Cugino's)





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Best Nachos - Top 3



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— Second Place

Best Restaurant Wine List: Dusty's Cellar

Bridge Street Social — Second Place
Capital Prime — Runner Up

Best Reuben: Stateside Deli

Meat BBQ — Second Place
Claddagh Irish Pub — Runner Up

Best Salad/Salad Bar: Horrocks

Leaf — Second Place
Sparrow Hospital — Runner Up

Best Seafood: Mitchell's Fish Market

Maru — Second Place
Red Lobster — Runner Up

Best Signature Dish: Zaytoon's Chicken Shawarma

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Sean Johnson, owner and pitmaster of MEAT, takes home two titles this year. He switched into the BBQ business in 2013 after planning to start his own business at 40. There is no great secret to MEAT's success except hard work and house smoked meats, Johnson said. "We have three commercial smokers that run all night from Tuesday to Sunday without a shut off." If there was a method, Johnson aimed at converting the ambivalent crowd about BBQ into die-hard fans.

"There are certain techniques we do that I learned from watching old school pitmasters down South to overcome what people may not like about BBQ. When you bring that into the fold and practice them, eventually you'll make a very good product that is solid and consistent."

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Bourbon Street French Toast — Runner Up
Meat BBQ's Meat Mountain — Second Place

Best Sliders: Green Dot Stables

Saddleback BBQ — Second Place

Lansing Brewing Company — Runner Up

Best Sub Sandwich:

Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches

Mancino's — Second Place
Jimmy Johns — Runner Up

Best Sushi: Maru

Sansu — Second Place
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar — Runner Up

Best Soup: Soup Spoon Cafe

Horrocks Farm Market — Second Place
Panera Bread — Runner Up

Best Steak: Capital Prime

Airport Tavern — Second Place
Texas Roadhouse — Runner Up

Best Tacos: Punk Taco

El Oasis — Second Place
Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck) — Runner Up

Best Thai: Bangkok House

Taste of Thai — Second Place
Niang Myanmar Family Restaurant — Runner Up

Best Upscale Dining: English Inn

Capital Prime — Second Place
Bridge Street Social — Runner Up

Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant: Zaytoon

Street Kitchen — Second Place
Soup Spoon Cafe — Runner Up

Best Wings: Buffalo Wild Wings

Meat. Southern BBQ — Second Place
Eastside Fish Fry — Runner Up

Best Hangouts

Best Biggby: 270 W. Grand River, East Lansing

8741 W Saginaw Hwy, West Lansing — Second Place
2546 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing — Runner Up

Best Bowling Alley: Spare Time

Royal Scot — Second Place
City Limits - Mason — Runner Up

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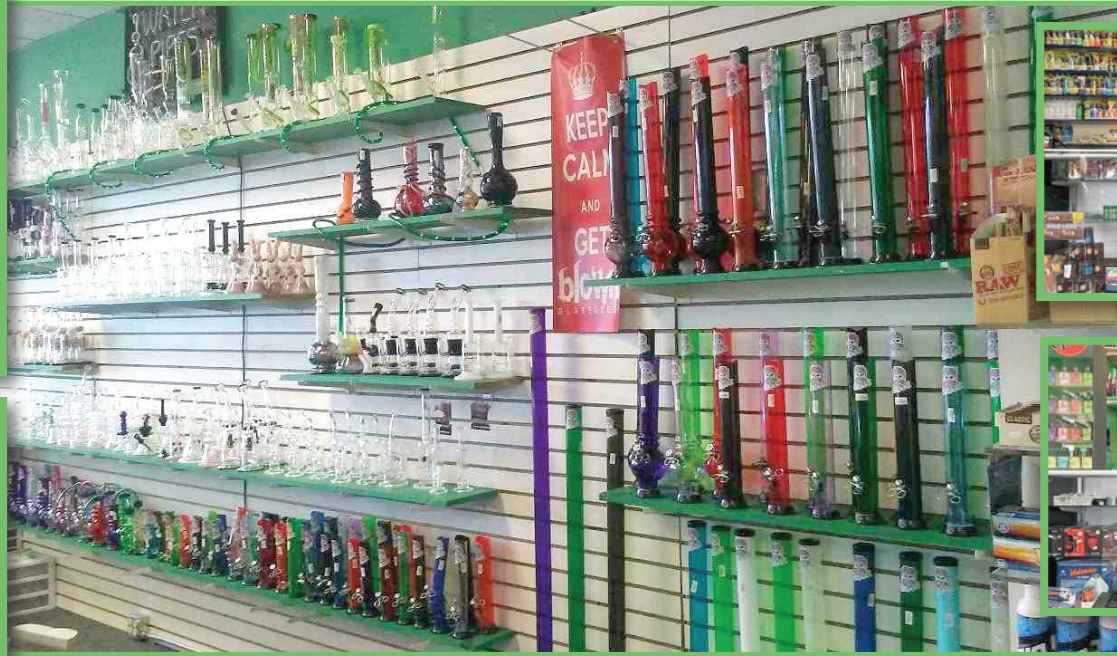
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Winners

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Best Coffee Shop (Non-Biggby):
Blue Owl

Strange Matter - Michigan Ave. — Second Place
Horrocks — Runner Up

Best Comedy Night:
Mac's Bar

The Unicorn — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Dog Park:
Hawk Island Park

Northern Tail Dog Park — Second Place
Dewitt Dog Park — Runner Up

Best Escape Room Venue:
Breakout - Escape Rooms

epIQ escapes — Second Place
Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing — Second Place
Escape Rooms Portland Michigan — Runner Up

Best Golf Course:
Eagle Eye Golf Club

Hawk Hollow Golf Course — Second Place
Groesbeck Golf Course — Runner Up

Best Hangout for Seniors:
Coral Gables

Lansing Mall — Second Place
Soup Spoon Cafe — Runner Up

Best Hangout for Students:
Pinball Pete's

Crunchy's — Second Place
The Peanut Barrel — Runner Up

Best Place to Hang Out Solo:
Blue Owl Coffee

Strange Matter Coffee — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

Best Movie Theater:
NCG Cinema

Celebration — Second Place
Studio C! — Runner Up

Best Music Venue:
Green Door

The Loft — Second Place
The Robin Theatre — Runner Up

Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date:

Horrocks

Lansing Lugnuts — Second Place
Walk on River Trail — Runner Up

Best Patio:
Lansing Brewing Co.

El Azteco East — Second Place
Waterfront Bar & Grill — Runner Up

Best Place of Worship:
Riverview Church

St. Gerard Catholic Church — Second Place
Trinity Church — Runner Up

Best Place to Play Video Games:
The Grid Arcade & Bar

Pinball Pete's — Second Place
At Home — Runner Up

Best Place to Return Cans:
Meijer

Kroger — Second Place
MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center — Runner Up

Best Place to Shoot Pool:
The Avenue Cafe

Pinball Pete's — Second Place

Green Dot Stables — Runner Up

Best Place to Sled:
Hawk Island Park

Deadmans Winter Sports Complex — Runner Up
Frاندor - Ranney Park — Second Place

Best Pool:
East Lansing Family Aquatic Center

Moores Park Swimming Pool — Second Place
IM Sports Circle — Runner Up

Best Local Attraction for Kids:
Impression 5 Science Center

Potter Park Zoo — Second Place
District 5 — Runner Up

Best Public Park:
Hawk Island

Fenner Nature Center — Second Place
Fitzgerald Park — Runner Up

Best Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge:
Wild Bill's

Campbell's Smoke Shop — Second Place
The Haven Smoke Shop — Runner Up

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Best Swimming: Lake Michigan

East Lansing Family Aquatic Center — Second Place
Moore's Park Swimming Pool — Runner Up

Best Trivia Night: Harry's Place

The Claddagh Irish Pub — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Local Arts

Best Cover Band: Starfarm

Tell Yo Mama — Second Place
Shelby and Jake — Runner Up

Best Artist: Ryan Holmes

Stephanie Hogan — Second Place
Tater Tot Noxious — Runner Up

Best Classical Musician: Rodney Page

Ed Fedewa — Second Place



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Sergei Kvitko — Runner Up

Best Club DJ: DJ Ruckus

Capitol City DJs — Second Place
Scratch Pilots — Runner Up

Best Country Artist/Band: Jonestown Crows

Goddamn Gallows — Second Place
Shelby Ann-Marie — Runner Up

Best Experimental Musical Act: Atomic Boogaloo

Cavalcade — Second Place
Wolf Eyes — Runner Up

Best Folk Artist/Band: Frog & The Beeftones

The Swift Brothers — Second Place
Lansing Unionized Vaudeville Spectacle — Runner Up

Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group: Mr. Idgaf and the Back of the Class

Ozay Moore — Second Place
Professor Zephyr — Runner Up

Best Jazz Musician: Root Doctor

MSU Professors of Jazz — Second Place
Phil Denny — Runner Up

Best Local Theatre Group: Riverwalk Theatre

Peppermint Creek Theatre — Second Place
MSU Department of Theatre — Runner Up

Best Pottery Studio: Wheel House Pottery Studio

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild — Second Place
Red Barn Pottery, Williamston — Runner Up

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Best Punk/Metal Group: Goddamn Gallows

Heart of Jordan — Second Place
Handsome Pete — Runner Up

Best Public Art/Sculpture: Sparty

Old Town Mural by Nanibah Chacon — Second Place
Portrait of a Dreamer — Runner Up

Best Rock Artist/Band: Frog & The Beeftones

Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers — Runner Up
Tell Yo Mama — Second Place

Best People

Best Advocate/Activist: Gretchen Whitmer

Mike Karl — Second Place
Rachael Denhollander — Runner Up

Best Bartender:

Christian Gray (Bridge Street Social)

George Chammas (Spiral) — Second Place
Sami Hutting (The Watershed) — Runner Up

Best Budtender: Whitney Spotts (Stateside and Old 27)

Joe Old 27 Wellness — Second Place
Carl from Homegrown — Runner Up

Best CATA Bus Driver: Ron DeLeon

Lamarr Braggs — Second Place
Al - Route #3 — Runner Up

Best Chef: Sean (Meat BBQ)

Zane Vicknair (The People's Kitchen) — Second Place
Jennifer Medler (Capital Prime) — Runner Up

Best College Instructor: Jon Whiting (MSU)

Helen Veit (MSU) — Second Place
Cindi McKenney (LCC) — Runner Up

Best Event/Wedding DJ: DJ JD

Rodney Page — Second Place
Tunes by T — Runner Up

Best Food Delivery Person:



K9 Aiko, Bath Township Police Department "Best Officer"

You know times are "ruff" for law enforcement when a dog beats a hometown hero by 2,521 votes. K9 Aiko was doggy-badged by the Bath Township Police Department about five years ago and is formally trained in narcotics detection, tracking and assisting in suspect apprehension. He likes sniffing around for new drugs, chewing tennis balls and catching the bad guys alongside his handler, Officer Mike Lapham, and assists police in Ingham, Shiawassee, Clinton and Eaton counties. Good boy, Aiko.

Jose (Jose's Cuban Sandwich

Zane Vicknair (Streetkitchen) — Second Place
Beth Colston (Cottage Inn) — Runner Up
Best Hair Stylist:
Ashley Medina (Bliss Salon)

Seth Ortega (Ultra) — Second Place
Taylor Wardowski (Ultra) — Runner Up

Best High School Coach: Pat O'Keefe (Grand Ledge High School)

Rocky Shaft - Holt High School — Second Place
Chris Tyler (Waverly High School) — Runner Up

Best High School Teacher: Sara Zeko (Grand Ledge High School)

Rachel Baldwin (Okemos High School) — Second Place
Penny Filonczuk (Everett High School) — Runner Up

Best Massage Therapist: Bee Queener (Bee Queener Massage) and Kate Prouty (Patient Relaxation)

Angela Joseph — Runner Up

Best Local/State Politician: Gretchen Whitmer Tom Barrett — Second Place Andy Schor — Runner Up

Best MSU President: None of Them

Lou Anna K. Simon — Runner Up
Satish Udpa — Second Place

Best MSU Trustee: None of Them

Dianne Byrum — Second Place
Kelly Tebay — Runner Up
Best Personal Trainer:
Abdullah Muhammed (Core Wellness)

Brian Daniels - emPOWER Lansing — Second Place
Nikki Raccine - Ledge Sweat Shop — Runner Up

Best Police Officer: Officer Aiko (Bath Township Police Department)

Frank Medrano (City of Grand Ledge) — Second Place
Matt Dedyne (Clinton County Sheriff's Office) — Runner Up

Best Realtor: Lisa Fata & Lisa Ramont (Coldwell Banker Hubbell BriarWood)

Dani Fairman (Berkshire Hathaway) — Second Place
Lauren Flannery (Coldwell Banker) — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Waitstaff Person: Tim (Golden Harvest)

Adrian Smith (Buffalo Wild Wings) Runner Up
Chelsea Brown (Cugino's) — Second Place

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Best Late Night Food: Fleetwood Diner

Famous Taco — Second Place
Pizza House — Runner Up

Best Margarita: El Azteco

Punk Taco — Second Place
Cancun Mexican Grill — Runner Up

Best Mediterranean Restaurant: Zaytoon

Woody's Oasis — Second Place
Sultan's — Runner Up

Best Mexican Restaurant (Chain): Cancun Mexican Grill

Los Tres Amigos — Second Place
Charro-East Lansing — Runner Up

Best Mexican Restaurant (Non-Chain): Pablo's Old Town

Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck) — Second Place
Aldaco's Taco Bar — Runner Up

Best Nachos: MEAT BBQ

El Azteco — Second Place
Buddies - Holt — Runner Up

Best New Restaurant:



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"One thing we do that the old bar didn't is we aren't just a pizza and wings joint," General Manager Jamie Jorgenson said. "We do have quite a few options for vegetarians and vegans." A new menu coming within the next few weeks will feature even more options for the veggie crowd, she added.

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Art's Pub

Punk Taco — Second Place
Klavon's — Runner Up

Best Olive Burger: Kewpee Sandwich Shop

Dagwood's Tavern & Grill — Runner Up
Olympic Broil — Second Place

Best Pancakes: Golden Harvest Restaurant

Sophias House of Pancakes — Second Place
Good Truckin' Diner — Runner Up

Best Pizza: DeLuca's

The Cosmos — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

Best Ramen: Ruckus Ramen

Sapporo Ramen — Second Place
City Limits — Runner Up

Best Ranch Dressing: DeLuca's

Jet's Pizza — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Beer List: HopCat

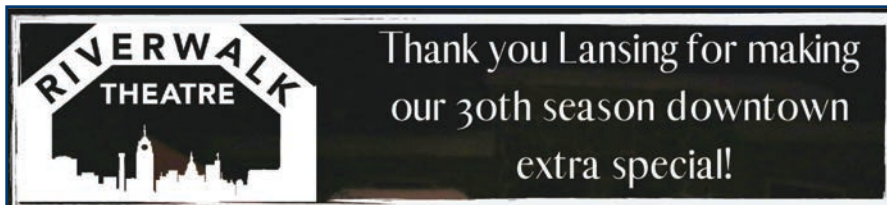
Lansing Brewing Co. — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Restaurant for Seniors: Coral Gables

Spud's Family Restaurant — Second Place
Denny's — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Waitstaff Person: Tim (Golden Harvest)

Adrian Smith (Buffalo Wild Wings) — Runner Up
Chelsea Brown (Cugino's)





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Best Family Friendly Restaurant - Top 3

Best Nachos - Top 3



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Winners

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— Second Place

Best Restaurant Wine List: Dusty's Cellar

Bridge Street Social — Second Place
Capital Prime — Runner Up

Best Reuben: Stateside Deli

Meat BBQ — Second Place
Claddagh Irish Pub — Runner Up

Best Salad/Salad Bar: Horrocks

Leaf — Second Place
Sparrow Hospital — Runner Up

Best Seafood: Mitchell's Fish Market

Maru — Second Place
Red Lobster — Runner Up

Best Signature Dish: Zaytoon's Chicken Shawarma

Good Truckin Diner's
Bourbon Street French Toast
— Runner Up

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Sean Johnson, owner and pitmaster of MEAT, takes home two titles this year. He switched into the BBQ business in 2013 after planning to start his own business at 40. There is no great secret to MEAT's success except hard work and house smoked meats, Johnson said. "We have three commercial smokers that run all night from Tuesday to Sunday without a shut off." If there was a method, Johnson aimed at converting the ambivalent crowd about BBQ into die-hard fans.

"There are certain techniques we do that I learned from watching old school pitmasters down South to overcome what people may not like about BBQ. When you bring that into the fold and practice them, eventually you'll make a very good product that is solid and consistent."

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Meat BBQ's Meat Mountain
— Second Place

Best Sliders: Green Dot Stables

Saddleback BBQ
— Second Place

Lansing Brewing Company
— Runner Up

Best Sub Sandwich: Jersey Giant Submarine Sandwiches

Mancino's — Second Place
Jimmy Johns — Runner Up

Best Sushi: Maru

Sansu — Second Place
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar
— Runner Up

Best Soup: Soup Spoon Cafe

Horrocks Farm Market — Second Place
Panera Bread — Runner Up

Best Steak: Capital Prime

Airport Tavern — Second Place
Texas Roadhouse — Runner Up

Best Tacos: Punk Taco

El Oasis
— Second Place

Pancho's Taqueria (Food Truck)
— Runner Up

Best Thai: Bangkok House

Taste of Thai — Second Place
Niang Myanmar Family Restaurant
— Runner Up

Best Upscale Dining: English Inn

Capital Prime — Second Place
Bridge Street Social — Runner Up

Best Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free Restaurant: Zaytoon

Street Kitchen — Second Place
Soup Spoon Cafe — Runner Up

Best Wings: Buffalo Wild Wings

Meat. Southern BBQ — Second Place
Eastside Fish Fry — Runner Up

Best Hangouts

Best Biggby: 270 W. Grand River, East Lansing

8741 W Saginaw Hwy, West Lansing
— Second Place
2546 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing
— Runner Up

Best Bowling Alley: Spare Time

Royal Scot — Second Place
City Limits - Mason — Runner Up

Best Coffee Shop (Non-Biggby): Blue Owl

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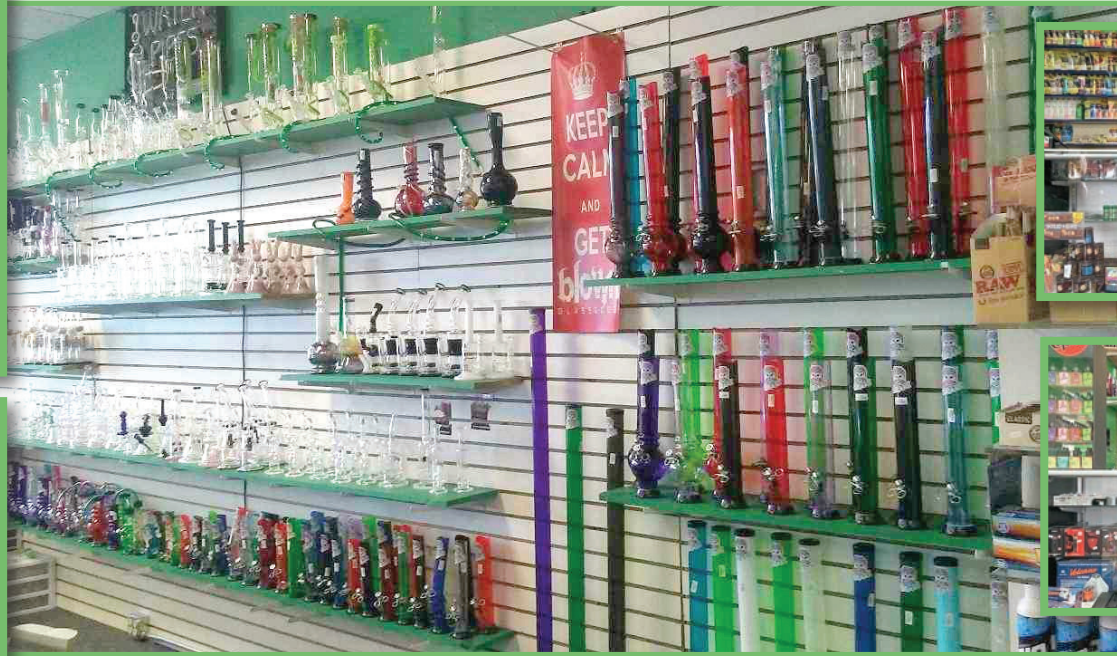
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Winners

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Strange Matter - Michigan Ave.
— Second Place
Horrocks — Runner Up

**Best Comedy Night:
Mac's Bar**

The Unicorn — Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

**Best Dog Park:
Hawk Island Park**

Northern Tail Dog Park
— Second Place
Dewitt Dog Park
— Runner Up

**Best Escape Room Venue:
Breakout - Escape Rooms**

epIQ escapes — Second Place
Escapology Escape Rooms Lansing
— Second Place
Escape Rooms Portland Michigan
— Runner Up

**Best Golf Course:
Eagle Eye Golf Club**

Hawk Hollow Golf Course
— Second Place

Groesbeck Golf Course
— Runner Up

**Best Hangout for Seniors:
Coral Gables**

Lansing Mall — Second Place
Soup Spoon Cafe — Runner Up

**Best Hangout for Students:
Pinball Pete's**

Crunchy's — Second Place
The Peanut Barrel — Runner Up

**Best Place to Hang Out Solo:
Blue Owl Coffee**

Strange Matter Coffee — Second Place
Art's Pub — Runner Up

**Best Movie Theater:
NCG Cinema**

Celebration — Second Place
Studio C! — Runner Up

**Best Music Venue:
Green Door**

The Loft — Second Place
The Robin Theatre — Runner Up

**Best Non-Bar or Restaurant Date:
Horrocks**

Lansing Lugnuts — Second Place
Walk on River Trail — Runner Up

**Best Patio:
Lansing Brewing Co.**

El Azteco East — Second Place
Waterfront Bar & Grill — Runner Up

**Best Place of Worship:
Riverview Church**

St. Gerard Catholic Church
— Second Place
Trinity Church
— Runner Up

**Best Place to Play Video Games:
The Grid Arcade & Bar**

Pinball Pete's — Second Place
At Home — Runner Up

**Best Place to Return Cans:
Meijer**

Kroger — Second Place
MSU Surplus Store and
Recycling Center
— Runner Up

**Best Place to Shoot Pool:
The Avenue Cafe**

Pinball Pete's — Second Place
Green Dot Stables — Runner Up

**Best Place to Sled:
Hawk Island Park**

Deadmans Winter Sports Complex
— Runner Up
Frاندor - Ranney Park
— Second Place

**Best Pool:
East Lansing Family Aquatic Center**

Moores Park Swimming Pool
— Second Place
IM Sports Circle — Runner Up

**Best Local Attraction for Kids:
Impression 5 Science Center**

Potter Park Zoo — Second Place
District 5 — Runner Up

**Best Public Park:
Hawk Island**

Fenner Nature Center — Second Place
Fitzgerald Park — Runner Up

**Best Smoke Shop/Hookah Lounge:
Wild Bill's**

Campbell's Smoke Shop
— Second Place
The Haven Smoke Shop
— Runner Up

**Best Swimming:
Lake Michigan**

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East Lansing Family Aquatic Center
— Second Place

Moores Park Swimming Pool
— Runner Up

Best Trivia Night:
Harry's Place

The Claddagh Irish Pub
— Second Place
Crunchy's — Runner Up

Best Local Arts

Best Cover Band:
Starfarm

Tell Yo Mama — Second Place
Shelby and Jake — Runner Up

Best Artist:
Ryan Holmes

Stephanie Hogan — Second Place
Tater Tot Noxious — Runner Up

Best Classical Musician:
Rodney Page

Ed Fedewa — Second Place
Sergei Kvitko — Runner Up



Rodney Page "Best Classical Musician"

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Best Club DJ:
DJ Ruckus

Capitol City DJs — Second Place
Scratch Pilots — Runner Up

Best Country Artist/Band:
Jonestown Crows

Goddamn Gallows — Second Place
Shelby Ann-Marie — Runner Up

Best Experimental Musical Act:
Atomic Boogaloo

Cavalcade — Second Place
Wolf Eyes — Runner Up

Best Folk Artist/Band:
Frog & The Beeftones

The Swift Brothers

— Second Place
Lansing Unionized Vaudeville
Spectacle — Runner Up

Best Hip-Hop Artist/Group:
Mr. Idgaf and the Back of the Class

Ozay Moore — Second Place
Professor Zephyr — Runner Up

Best Jazz Musician:
Root Doctor

MSU Professors of Jazz
— Second Place
Phil Denny — Runner Up

Best Local Theatre Group:
Riverwalk Theatre

Peppermint Creek Theatre
— Second Place
MSU Department of Theatre
— Runner Up

Best Pottery Studio:
Wheel House Pottery Studio

Greater Lansing Potters' Guild
— Second Place
Red Barn Pottery, Williamston
— Runner Up

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Best Punk/Metal Group:
Goddamn Gallows

Heart of Jordan — Second Place
Handsome Pete — Runner Up

Best Public Art/Sculpture:
Sparty

Old Town Mural by Nanibah Chacon — Second Place
Portrait of a Dreamer — Runner Up

Best Rock Artist/Band:
Frog & The Beeftones

Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers — Runner Up
Tell Yo Mama — Second Place

Best People

Best Advocate/Activist:
Gretchen Whitmer

Mike Karl — Second Place
Rachael Denhollander — Runner Up

Best Bartender:
Christian Gray (Bridge Street Social)

George Chammas (Spiral) —

Second Place
Sami Hutting (The Watershed) —
Runner Up

Best Budtender:
Whitney Spotts (Stateside and Old 27)

Joe Old 27 Wellness — Second Place
Carl from Homegrown — Runner Up

Best CATA Bus Driver:
Ron DeLeon

Lamarr Braggs — Second Place
Al - Route #3 — Runner Up

Best Chef:
Sean (Meat BBQ)

Zane Vicknair (The People's Kitchen) —
Second Place
Jennifer Medler (Capital Prime) —
Runner Up

Best College Instructor:
Jon Whiting (MSU)

Helen Veit (MSU) — Second Place
Cindi McKenney (LCC) — Runner Up

Best Event/Wedding DJ:
DJ JD

Rodney Page — Second Place
Tunes by T — Runner Up

Best Food Delivery Person:
Jose (Jose's Cuban Sandwich



K9 Aiko, Bath Township Police Department "Best Officer"

You know times are "ruff" for law enforcement when a dog beats a hometown hero by 2,521 votes. K9 Aiko was doggy-badged by the Bath Township Police Department about five years ago and is formally trained in narcotics detection, tracking and assisting in suspect apprehension. He likes sniffing around for new drugs, chewing tennis balls and catching the bad guys alongside his handler, Officer Mike Lapham, and assists police in Ingham, Shiawassee, Clinton and Eaton counties. Good boy, Aiko.

Zane Vicknair (Streetkitchen) — Second Place

Beth Colston (Cottage Inn) — Runner Up

Best Hair Stylist:
Ashley Medina (Bliss Salon)

Seth Ortega (Ulta) — Second Place
Taylor Wardowski (Ulta) — Runner Up

Best High School Coach:
Pat O'Keefe (Grand Ledge High School)

Rocky Shaft - Holt High School — Second Place
Chris Tyler (Waverly High School) — Runner Up

Best High School Teacher:
Sara Zeko (Grand Ledge High School)

Rachel Baldwin (Okemos High School) — Second Place
Penny Filonczuk (Everett High School) — Runner Up

Best Massage Therapist:
Bee Queener (Bee Queener Massage) and Kate Prouty (Patient Relaxation)

Angela Joseph — Runner Up

Best Local/State Politician:
Gretchen Whitmer

Tom Barrett — Second Place
Andy Schor — Runner Up

Best MSU President:
None of Them

Lou Anna K. Simon — Runner Up
Satish Udpa — Second Place

Best MSU Trustee:
None of Them

Dianne Byrum — Second Place
Kelly Tebay — Runner Up

Best Personal Trainer:
Abdullah Muhammed (Core Wellness)

Brian Daniels - emPOWER Lansing — Second Place
Nikki Raccine - Ledge Sweat Shop — Runner Up

Best Police Officer:
Officer Aiko (Bath Township Police Department)

Frank Medrano (City of Grand Ledge) — Second Place
Matt Dedyne (Clinton County Sheriff's Office) — Runner Up

Best Realtor:
Lisa Fata & Lisa Ramont (Coldwell Banker Hubbell BriarWood)

Dani Fairman (Berkshire Hathaway) — Second Place
Lauren Flannery (Coldwell Banker) — Runner Up

Best Restaurant Waitstaff Person:
Tim (Golden Harvest)

Adrian Smith (Buffalo Wild Wings) Runner Up
Chelsea Brown (Cugino's) — Second Place



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Best Local TV News Personality Emily Wahls (WLNS)

Sheri Jones (WLNS) — Second Place
Andy Provenzano (WILX) — Runner Up

Best Yoga Instructor:
Belinda (Just B Yoga)

Deb Hart (Hilltop) — Second Place
Belanger (Sarah Belanger Yoga / MI Hot Yoga) — Runner Up

Worst Local/State Politician:
Bill Schuette

All of them — Second Place
Bishop — Runner Up

Worst MSU President All of Them

John Engler — Second Place
Simon — Runner Up

Worst MSU Trustee: Joel Ferguson

George Perles — Second Place
Dianne Byrum — Runner Up

BEST SERVICES

Best Accountant/CPA: Simplified Tax

Maner Costerisan — Second Place
Plante Moran — Runner Up

Best Apartments: Aspen Lakes Estates

Le'Mae Photography, "Best Photography Service"

Based in Grand Ledge, Jessica Heksem, 34, has been capturing memories and movements for almost 7 years. As the owner and operator of Le'Mae Photography, Heksem sees her job as more than selecting aesthetically pleasing backdrops and lighting. It's her civic duty.

"This past week I did complimentary sessions for families of first responders to say thank you for all that they do," Heksem said.

Last fall, she did a shoot titled "Enough is Enough" featuring local faces of the #metoo movement. The portrait photographer said the coolest part about her job is working with "all of the amazing families" who seek her services and witnessing their children "grow throughout the years."

Canal Club Apartments — Second Place
Marketplace Apartments — Runner Up

Best Audiologist/Hearing: Mid-Michigan Ear Nose & Throat

Advanced Audiology: Linda Wright — Second Place
Fluke Hearing — Runner Up

Best Auto Repair: Frankie D's Holt

Keusch Auto and Tire — Second Place
Mason Auto Body Repair Inc — Runner Up

Best Bank: Dart Bank

PNC Bank — Second Place
Huntington Bank — Runner Up

Best Barbershop: Frاندor Barbershop

Jude's Barbershop — Second Place
The Good Life Shaving Co. — Runner Up

Best Bed and Breakfast: The English Inn

Wild Goose Inn — Second Place
Cozy Koi — Runner Up

Best Bicycle Shop: Velocipede Peddler

SPIN Bicycle Shop — Second Place
Riverfront Cycle — Runner Up

Best Cab Company: Big Daddy Taxi

Green Cab — Second Place
Yellow Cab — Runner Up

Best Car Wash/Detailing Service: Kwik Car Wash

Soapy Joe's — Second Place
Fast Eddie's — Runner Up
Best Caterer/Catering Company:
Meat BBQ

Zaytoon — Second Place
Saddleback BBQ — Runner Up

Best Cemetery: Mt. Hope Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery — Second Place
DeepDale Memorial Gardens — Runner Up

Best Cleaning Service: Domestic Divas

Aunt Jo Jo's — Runner Up
Peckham Inc. - Lansing

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— Second Place

Best Chiropractor: Creative Wellness

Craft Chiropractic — Second Place
Volz Family Chiropractic — Runner Up

Best Cosmetic Surgeon: Dr. George Poletes

Michigan Plastic Surgery:
Dr. Lee Colony — Second Place
Dr. Michelle Southard — Runner Up

Best Credit Union: MSU Federal Credit Union

Lake Trust Credit Union — Second Place
Lansing Automakers Federal Credit

Union (LAFCU) — Runner Up

Best Dance Studio: Happendance

Rising Star Studio of Dance — Second Place
The Hive — Runner Up

Best Day Spa: Douglu J. Salon

Bliss Salon Spa Boutique — Second Place
Zoe Life Spa and Salon — Runner Up

Best Dentist: McNiel Family Dentistry, PC

Mashni Dentistry — Second Place
Valley Dental Spa — Runner Up
Best Developer:
Gillespie Co.

T.A. Forsberg Inc. — Second Place
Motz Homes — Runner Up

THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN "BEST DEVELOPMENT"

Tactical Urbanism or "Snacktical Urbanism," according to The People's Kitchen developer Jeff Deehan, was the philosophy that carried The People's Kitchen from food truck to full-size restaurant.

"I think it is a good barometer of what the community supports, someone who is using and reclaiming existing resources," Zane Vicknair, The People's Kitchen owner and chef said. "Our whole philosophy is to make do with what we got instead of tearing a whole city block down to be turned into vacant commercial space."

Best Development: The Peoples Kitchen

600 Michigan Avenue — Second Place
SkyVue Apartments — Runner Up

Best Dry Cleaners: Baryames

Maurer's — Second Place
Twichells — Runner Up

Best Food Delivery Service: Jimmy John's

Grubhub — Second Place
UberEats — Runner Up

Best Funeral Home: Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes

Peters & Murray Funeral Home — Second Place
Palmer Bush & Jensen Funeral — Runner Up

Best Gym/Fitness Studio: Michigan Athletic Club

The Barre Code - East Lansing — Second Place
YAY FIT — Runner Up

Best Heating/Cooling/Plumbing Company: Michigan Plumbing

A-1 Mechanical — Second Place
Bartlett Plumbing and Heating — Runner Up

Best Home Health Care Company: Sparrow Home Care

By Dawn's Early Light Home Care Service — Runner Up
Optimal Medical Staffing — Second Place

Best Insurance Agent/Agency: Rathbun Agency Inc.

Holt & Dimondale Agency — Second Place
The Diver Agency Farm Bureau Insurance — Runner Up

Best Landscaping Company: Hammond Farms Landscape Supply

The Plant Professionals — Second Place
Stiles Lawn, Landscaping & Snow Removal Inc. — Runner Up

Best Lawyer/Law Firm: Foster Swift Collins & Smith

Sinas Dramis Law Firm — Second Place
Aboud Law Firm — Runner Up

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Best Marijuana Dispensary:
Old 27 Wellness

Pure Options — Second Place
HomeGrown Provisioning Center — Runner Up

Best Massage Studio:
Creative Wellness

Zoe Life Spa and Salon — Second Place
Bliss Salon & Spa — Runner Up

Most Trustworthy Business:
Business Playmakers

Schuler Books — Second Place
Elderly Instruments — Runner Up

Best Music Lessons:
Marshall Music

Elderly Instruments — Second Place
Sigh Studio of Music — Runner Up

Best Nail Salon:
Polished Nail Salon

Bliss Salon & Spa — Second Place
Jenny Nails — Runner Up

Best News Source:
City Pulse

WLNS — Second Place
WILX — Runner Up

Best Nonprofit Organization (Local):
Ele's Place

Capital Area Humane Society — Second Place
Allen Neighborhood Center — Runner Up

Best Oil Change:
Valvoline Instant Oil Change

Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change — Second Place
Frankie D's — Runner Up

Best Optometrist:
L.O. Eye Care

Rule Eye Care Associates — Second Place
Holt Eye Care PLLC — Runner Up

Best Pest Control Company:
Rose Exterminating

Bug Man — Second Place
Orkin Pest & Termite Control — Runner Up

Best Pet Grooming:
Wag 'N Tails

Doggy Daycare and Spa — Second Place
AnnaBelle's Pet Station — Runner Up

Best Photographer/Photography Service:
LeMae Photography

Magan Konoski - Fine Art Photographer — Second Place
McShane Photography — Runner Up

Best Piercer:
Aaron Wood (Ink Therapy Lansing)

Hollywood Justin (Ink and Needle South) — Second Place
Renee McKeith (Splash of Color) — Runner Up

Best Pharmacy:
Meijer Pharmacy

Ware's Pharmacy — Second Place
Walgreen's — Runner Up

Best Post Office:
Collins Road

East Lansing — Second Place
Holt — Runner Up

Best PR Firm:
M3 Group

Piper & Gold Public Relations — Second Place
Martin Waymire — Runner Up

Best Property Management Co.:
Gillespie Group

DTN Management Company — Second Place
Housing Management — Runner Up

Best Radio Station: 100.7 WITL

97.5 WJIM — Second Place
94.9 WMMQ — Runner Up

Best Residential Remodeling Co.:
Odd Fellows Contracting, Inc.

Precision Roofing Services — Second Place
Custom Built Design & Remodeling — Runner Up

Best Senior Living:
The Willows at East Lansing

Independence Village Grand Ledge — Second Place
Ingham County Medical Care — Runner Up

Best Storage Facility:
U-Haul Moving & Storage at Jolly & Cedar

Stop 'n Lock Self Storage — Second Place
Prime Storage — Runner Up

Best Salon:
Capellini

Douglas J — Second Place
Profiles Hair Salon — Runner Up

Best Tailor/Seamstress:
Nu the Tailor

Silver Thread — Second Place
Liz's Alterations — Runner Up

Best Tanning:
J2 Tanning

Planet Fitness — Second Place
Pacific Tan — Runner Up

Best Tattoo Parlor:
Fish Ladder Tattoo Co.

Ink Therapy Lansing — Second Place
Splash of Color — Runner Up

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Winners

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Best Veterinarian Services: Waverly Animal Hospital Boarding & Grooming

Miller Animal Clinic — Second Place
Patterson Veterinary Hospital - Mason — Runner Up

Best Wedding Services: HotBeats Entertainment

Twiggies — Second Place
A Lovely Day — Runner Up
Weddings By Nicole — Runner Up

Best Yoga Studio: Hilltop Yoga

Just B Yoga — Second Place
Firefly Hot Yoga Bar — Runner Up

BEST SHOPPING

Best Antique Shop: DeWitt Mega Mall

Maple Street Mall - Mason — Second Place
Vintage Junkies — Runner Up

Best Art Gallery: Broad Art Museum

Lansing Art Gallery — Second Place
Absolute Gallery — Runner Up

Best Asian Market: Oriental Mart

Z Z's Market — Second Place
Lotte Market — Runner Up

Best Beer Selection in Retail Store: Horrocks

Oade's Big Ten - East Lansing — Second Place
MegaBev — Runner Up

Best Bookstore (locally owned): Schuler Books

Curious Books — Second Place
Everybody Reads — Runner Up

Best Butcher: Monticellos Market & Butcher Block

Merindorf Meats - Mason — Second Place
Horrocks — Runner Up

Best Candy Shop: Horrocks

Fabianos Candies — Second Place
Keans Store — Runner Up

Best Cheese Department: Horrocks Farm Market

Whole Foods Market — Second Place
Monticello's Market & Butcher Block — Runner Up

Best Clothing Store: Curvaceous Lingerie

Playmakers — Second Place
Grace Boutique — Runner Up

Best Comic Shop: Summit Comics & Games

Hollow Mountain Comics Games and Collectibles — Second Place
Mr Dale's Tradin' Cards LLC — Runner Up

Best Consignment Shop: Kellies' Consignments

Metro Retro — Second Place
Once Upon a Child — Runner Up

Best Farmers Market: Meridian Farmers Market

Allen Farmers Market — Second Place
Market Holt Farmers Market — Runner Up

Best Florist: Horrocks

VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop — Second Place
Where The Wild Things Bloom — Runner Up

Best Furniture Store: Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage LLC

Pilgrim House Furniture — Second Place
Vintage Junkies — Runner Up

Best Gardening Center: Horrocks

VanAtta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop — Second Place
Lansing Gardens — Runner Up

Best Gas Station: Costco Fuel

Speedway — Second Place
Speedway US 127 in DeWitt — Runner Up

Best Gift Shop: Kean's Store

Old Town General Store — Second Place
October Moon — Runner Up

Best Grocery Store (locally owned): Horrocks

Westlund's Apple Market — Second Place
Monticellos Market & Butcher Block — Runner Up

Best Hardware Store: Vet's Ace Hardware

Menards — Second Place
Great Lakes Ace Hardware — Runner Up

Best Hot Tub/Pool/Sauna Store: Heat & Sweep

Hotwater Works — Second Place
Classic Pool & Spa Inc. — Runner Up

Best Hunting Store: Cabela's

Jay's Sporting Goods — Second Place
Total Firearms — Runner Up

Best Indoor Grow Shop: HTG Supply Hydroponics & Grow Light

Capital City Grower Supply — Second Place
H2O Lansing — Second Place
Indoor Grow Store — Runner Up

Best Jewelry Store: Sweet Custom Jewelry

Medawar Jewelers — Second Place
Becky Beauchine Kulka — Runner Up

Best Liquor Store: Oades Big Ten Party Store West

Mega-Bev — Second Place
ABC Liquor — Runner Up

Best Musical Instrument Store: Elderly Instruments

Marshall Music — Second Place
Music Manor — Runner Up
Best Organic/Natural Market:
Horrocks

Fresh Thyme — Second Place
Foods for Living — Runner Up

Best Outdoor/Camping Store: Cabela's

Moosejaw — Second Place
REI — Runner Up

Best Pawn/Secondhand Shop: Dicker & Deal

Volunteers of America — Second Place
St. Vincent De Paul — Runner Up

Best Pet Store: Preuss Pets

Soldan's — Second Place
PetSmart — Runner Up

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Winners

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8512 W Saginaw Hwy - Lansing

2400 E Michigan Ave Lansing
— Second Place
804 Willow Hwy., Grand Ledge
— Runner Up

Best Record/CD Store:
Flat, Black & Circular

Record Lounge — Second Place
Schuler Books — Runner Up

Best Sex Shop:
Cirilla's

Lion's Den — Second Place
Fantasies Unlimited / Club Tabu
— Runner Up

Best Thrift Shop:
Volunteers of America MI

St Vincent De Paul — Second Place
Thrift Witch — Runner Up
Metro Retro — Runner Up

Best Tire Store:
Discount Tire

Belle Tire — Second Place
Tasmanian Tire Co — Runner Up

Best Used Car Dealership:
Shaheen Chevrolet

Sundance Chevrolet — Second Place
Feldman Bud Kouts Chevrolet Parts
— Runner Up

Best Vape Shop:
Wild Bill's

Kalamazoo Vapor- Frandor
— Second Place
Joost Vapor — Runner Up

Best Wine Shop:
Horrocks

Dusty's Cellar — Second Place
Vine & Brew — Runner Up

Broad Art Museum — Second Place
Looking Glass Brewing Company
— Runner Up

Best Eye Candy Neighborhood:
Moore's River Drive Area

Old Town — Second Place
East Lansing, West of Campus
— Runner Up

Best High School:
Grand Ledge

East Lansing — Second Place
Holt High School — Runner Up

Best Outdoor Adventure:
The Ledges at Fitzgerald Park

Potter Park Zoo — Second Place
River Trail — Runner Up

Best Place to Work:
MSU

State of Michigan — Second Place
Sparrow Health System — Runner Up

Best Local Art Festival:
East Lansing Art Festival

Old Town Jazz Fest — Second Place
Scrapfest — Runner Up

Best WI-FI Spot:
Biggy (Any Location)

Blue Owl Coffee — Second Place
Capital Area District Library
— Runner Up

Worst Pothole:
Mt. Hope Ave. between Aurelius Rd and
127 overpass

All of South Cedar Stttry
— Second Place
Saginaw Street near Frandor
— Runner Up

BEST WHATEVER

Cleanest Public Restroom:
Horrocks

Lansing Brewing Company
— Second Place
BAD Brewing — Runner Up
Best Category We Didn't Think Of:
Event/Festival

New Business — Second Place
Haunted Attraction — Runner Up

Best Casino (anywhere):
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

FireKeepers Casino Hotel
— Second Place
Greektown Casino — Runner Up

Best Day Trip:
Anywhere on Lake Michigan

Frankenmuth — Runner Up
Grand Haven — Second Place

Best Eye Candy Building:
The Capitol



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Wednesday, June 26

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

A Holistic Approach to Stress Management - 6-7 p.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Rd, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

ALIVE Youth Running Camp - Tackle the basics. 9-11:30 a.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Chamber University: 8 a.m. Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Lansing. lansingchamber.org.

Charlotte Area Sports Performance Training - 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Dig Camp: Session 1 - 9 a.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W Kalamazoo St, Lansing.

Jr. Engineer - 9:15 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Make a Space "Craft": Intergalactic Slime! - 2-3 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E. Jefferson St. 517-627-7014.

Mindfulness Meditation - 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 1:30-2 p.m. 4111 Okemos Rd, Suite 102, Okemos.

S.T.E.A.M tinkrCAMP - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River, #321, Okemos.

What's So Funny - Learn about humor. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

EVENTS

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

GL Recycle & Compost Hours: 3-7 p.m. Grand Ledge. www.oneidatowship.org.

Grief and Loss - Drop in sessions. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

ART

ALIVE Mini Camp: Paint, create, dance, draw and sing. 1-3 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Clay on the Pottery Wheel - 4:30-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Leather Wrap Bracelet - All materials provided. 1-3 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Teen Open Studio: 4:30-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Thursday, June 27

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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Charlotte Area Sports Performance Training - 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

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Jr. Engineer - 9:15 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Math Seminar Series - Research on Advanced Mathematical Thinking. 9:10 a.m.-Noon 212 N. Kedzie, East Lansing. events.msu.edu.

S.T.E.A.M tinkrCAMP - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. tinkrLAB, Meridian Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., #321, Okemos.

Strum Fun! Ukulele Workshop 5:30-7 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Wacousta Picnic Storytime - 11-11:30 a.m. Wacousta UMC, 9180 Herbison Rd, Eagle.

EVENTS

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

Diabetes Support Group - for diabetics and their families. 6:30-8 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Good Morning, Mason! - Local news. 7:15-8:30 a.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash Street, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

Mudge's Follies - Variety Show! 7 p.m. Grand Ledge High School, 820 Spring St., Grand Ledge. 517-331-1736.

Research and Marketing to the Government - 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Lansing Regional Chamber, 500 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) - 6:30-8 p.m. Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash, Mason. www.canr.msu.edu.



Mitten Made Short Film Festival

From documentaries to thrillers, the Mitten Made Short Film festival is a celebration of all forms of short film produced in Michigan. Eight short films will play. "Deadbolt" is a thriller about a financially desperate couple committing a robbery and living with the unforeseen consequences.

"A Change of Practice" follows third and fourth year MSU medical students as they serve the Flint community during the water crisis. "Enigma" is the story of a young woman navigat-

ing between good and evil. "Changing Tides" is a documentary on hatcheries in Michigan working to restore the Great Lakes' salmon population. "My New Family Tree," a documentary, chronicles the journey of a donor-conceived teen searching for her half siblings. "I Remember" tells the story of a bitter old man revisiting his childhood. "Irena Sendler: More Than a Footnote" documents the sacrifice of Irena Sendler who was killed by Nazis after saving 2,500 Jewish children in the Warsaw Ghetto. Lastly, "Little Church" is the story of a 10-year-old boy trying to make sense of growing up in church life as a pastor's son. The event is hosted by Xari Studios.

ART

ALIVE Mini Camp: Come Create - 1-3 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Comics & Zines - Summer - 4:30-6 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Kids Clay: Beginners 4:30-5:30 p.m. Reach Studio Art Center, 1804 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-999-3643. reachstudioart.org.

Studio (in) Process - 6-9 p.m. Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, 547 E Circle Dr, East Lansing. 517-884-4800.

Sunset Sail - 7-9 p.m. Painting with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. paintingwithatwist.com.

MUSIC

Common Ground Music Festival 2019 - June 27-30. 4-11 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing.

Rick Kelley: Far Out Songs about Space and More! - 7-8 p.m. Jaycee Park, 525 E. River St., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014.

Ukuleleza Live 7-9 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

Friday, June 28

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

ALIVE Youth Running Camp - Tackle the basics. 9-11:30 a.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Build a Robot - 4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Construction Junction - 12 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Dig Camp: Session 1 - 9 a.m. Michigan History Center, 702 W Kalamazoo St, Lansing.

Jon Shain Acoustic Blues Workshop - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Elderly Instruments, 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 26 >> ISSUES AND ALE: OUR NEXT GENERATION LEADERS



Michigan Radio hosts a free event on the Michigan Princess to speak about the new generation of political leaders across the country. Host Zoe Clark and a panel will discuss these new young leaders, often women and people of color, and how they plan to change the game of politics.

6:30 to 8 p.m.
Michigan Princess
 3004 W. Main St, Lansing
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michiganradio.org/programs/issues-ale

THURSDAY JUNE 27 >> STELLA! AT THE STATE ROOM



As part of The State Room's Live Music Thursday, a trio of Lansing's acoustic songstresses perform twangy folk tunes on the restaurant patio.

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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 219 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing
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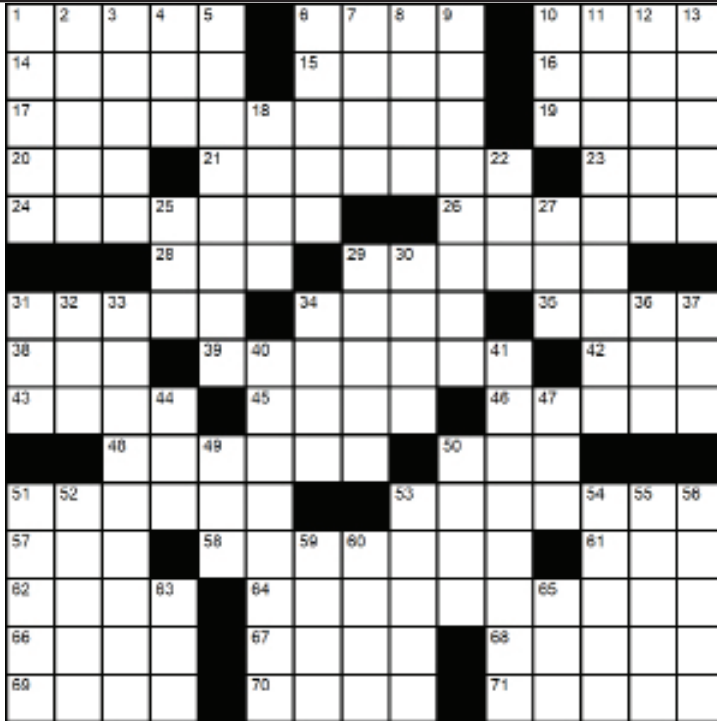
Jonesin' Crossword

By Matt Jones

"It's the Big One"---a sizeable pair.
by Matt Jones

Across

- 1 What "x" may mean
- 6 Web presence?
- 10 Hunk of granite
- 14 "___ It Goes"
- 15 "Mighty Bruins" is their fight song
- 16 Lake Titicaca neighbor
- 17 Meals provided at meetings, sometimes
- 19 Z, on some graphs
- 20 "The Lord of the Rings" actress Tyler
- 21 Comprehended
- 23 Allowed
- 24 Tuches down
- 26 Interstellar dust cloud
- 28 2004 Google event, briefly
- 29 "Casablanca" star
- 31 Tagliatelle, e.g.
- 34 Hawaii's "Gathering Place"
- 35 Current measurements
- 38 "All Things Considered" host Shapiro
- 39 Oversized candy that includes paraffin
- 42 Mo. with National Pulled Pork and Cinnamon Roll Days (not at the same time, ew)
- 43 "Thank U, ___" (Grande album)
- 45 Office note
- 46 Reason to use sunscreen
- 48 Perks (up)
- 50 Network that revived the CBS show "Press Your Luck"
- 51 Salad that traditionally has anchovies
- 53 French automaker that turned 100 in March



- 57 Alex's "Jeopardy!" predecessor
- 58 Ingredient in some margaritas
- 61 Voting "aye"
- 62 Bit of dust
- 64 Magnifying glass component
- 66 One with a laptop
- 67 Additive in some tissues
- 68 Blunt
- 69 It comes twice after "Que" in a song
- 70 "Monstrous" loch
- 71 Theater capacity
- Down**
- 1 Small Indian hand drum
- 2 How doughnuts are often prepared
- 3 Year that Mary Tudor was born, in Roman numerals
- 4 Adult ed. course
- 5 Left-hander
- 6 Penguin projectiles?
- 7 Have a hankering
- 8 Remote valley
- 9 Relaxing
- 10 Massage place
- 11 Comic book villain introduced in 1940
- 12 Flounder's friend
- 13 "Woo Hah!! Got You All in Check" rapper Rhymes
- 18 Treaty that turns 70 in 2019
- 22 "Big Read" gp.
- 25 "Vamoose, varmint!"
- 27 Frat guy, probably
- 29 Soothing ointments
- 30 Cedar Point's location
- 31 Frying need
- 32 "What ___ you thinking?"
- 33 Like none of the words in this clue, uncharacteristically
- 34 Beasts of burden
- 36 "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" label
- 37 "Animal Farm" setting
- 40 Cheese in a wrapper
- 41 Underlying themes
- 44 "Whether ___ nobler in the mind ..."
- 47 DVD player predecessor
- 49 "Batman Forever" actor Kilmer
- 50 Senator's assistant
- 51 "LEtranger" novelist
- 52 Got up
- 53 Some areas in "The Legend of Zelda"
- 54 "Nixon in China," for one
- 55 Dadaist painter Max
- 56 Mr. Potato Head parts
- 59 Underground burrower
- 60 Space chimp of 1961
- 63 Major time period
- 65 "Go Set a Watchman" autho

Free Will Astrology

By Rob Breznsy

June 26 - July 2, 2019

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Discipline your inner flame. Use your radiance constructively. Your theme is "controlled fire". **AUGUST:** Release yourself from dwelling on what's amiss or off-kilter. Find the inspiration to focus on what's right and good. **SEPTEMBER:** Pay your dues with joy and gratitude. Work hard in service to your beautiful dreams. **OCTOBER:** You can undo your attractions to "gratifications" that aren't really very gratifying. **NOVEMBER:** Your allies can become even better allies. Ask them for more. **DECEMBER:** Be alert for unrecognized value and hidden resources.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** If you choose to play one of life's trickier games, you must get trickier yourself. **AUGUST:** Shedding irrelevant theories and unlearning old approaches will pave the way for creative breakthroughs. **SEPTEMBER:** Begin working on a new product or project that will last a long time. **OCTOBER:** Maybe you don't need that emotional crutch as much as you thought. **NOVEMBER:** Explore the intense, perplexing, interesting feelings until you're cleansed and healed. **DECEMBER:** Join forces with a new ally and/or deepen an existing alliance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** It's time to take fuller advantage of a resource you've been neglecting or underestimating. **AUGUST:** For a limited time only, two plus two equals five. Capitalize on that fact by temporarily becoming a two-plus-two-equals-five type of person. **SEPTEMBER:** It's time and you're ready to discover new keys to fostering interesting intimacy and robust collaboration. **OCTOBER:** The boundaries are shifting on the map of the heart. That will ultimately be a good thing. **NOVEMBER:** If you do what you fear, you'll gain unprecedented power over the fear. **DECEMBER:** What's the one thing you can't live without? Refine and deepen your relationship to it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Acquire a new personal symbol that thrills your mind and mobilizes your soul. **AUGUST:** Reconfigure the way you deal with money. Get smarter about your finances. **SEPTEMBER:** It's time to expedite your learning. But streetwise education is more useful than formal education. Study the Book of Life. **OCTOBER:** Ask for more help than you normally do. Aggressively build your support. **NOVEMBER:** Creativity is your superpower. Reinvent any part of your life that needs a bolt of imaginative ingenuity. **DECEMBER:** Love and care for what you imagine to be your flaws and liabilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Transform something that's semi-ugly into something that's useful and winsome. **AUGUST:** Go to the top of the world and seek a big vision of who you must become. **SEPTEMBER:** Your instinct for worthy and constructive adventures is impeccable. Trust it. **OCTOBER:** Be alert for a new teacher with a capacity to teach you precisely what you need to learn. **NOVEMBER:** Your mind might not guide you perfectly, but your body and soul will. **DECEMBER:** Fresh hungers and budding fascinations should alert you to the fact that deep in the genius part of your soul, your master plan is changing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** I'd love to see you phase out wishy-washy wishes that keep you distracted from your burning, churning desires. **AUGUST:** A story that began years ago begins again. Be proactive about changing the themes you'd rather not repeat. **SEPTEMBER:** Get seriously and daringly creative about living in a more expansive world. **OCTOBER:** Acquire a new tool or skill that will enable you to carry out your mission more effectively. **NOVEMBER:** Unanticipated plot twists can help heal old dilemmas about intimacy. **DECEMBER:**

Come up with savvy plans to eliminate bad stress and welcome good stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Say this every morning: "The less I have to prove and the fewer people I have to impress, the smarter I'll be." **AUGUST:** Escape an unnecessary limitation. Break an obsolete rule. Override a faded tradition. **SEPTEMBER:** What kind of "badness" might give your goodness more power? **OCTOBER:** You're stronger and freer than you thought you were. Call on your untapped power. **NOVEMBER:** Narrowing your focus and paring down your options will serve you beautifully. **DECEMBER:** Replace what's fake with the Real Thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Stretch yourself. Freelance, moonlight, diversify, and expand. **AUGUST:** Having power over other people is less important than having power over yourself. Manage your passions like a wizard! **SEPTEMBER:** Ask the big question. And be ready to act expeditiously when you get the big answer. **OCTOBER:** I think you can arrange for the surge to arrive in manageable installments. Seriously. **NOVEMBER:** Dare to break barren customs and habits that are obstructing small miracles and cathartic breakthroughs. **DECEMBER:** Don't wait around hoping to be given what you need. Instead, go after it. Create it yourself, if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Can you infuse dark places with your intense light without dimming your intense light? Yes! **AUGUST:** It's time for an archetypal Sagittarian jaunt, quest, or pilgrimage. **SEPTEMBER:** The world around you needs your practical idealism. Be a role model who catalyzes good changes. **OCTOBER:** Seek out new allies and connections that can help you with your future goals. **NOVEMBER:** Be open to new and unexpected ideas so as to get the emotional healing you long for. **DECEMBER:** Shed old, worn-out self-images. Reinvent yourself. Get to know your depths better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** You have an enhanced capacity to feel at peace with your body, to not wish it were different from what it naturally is. **AUGUST:** You can finally solve a riddle you've been trying to solve for a long time. **SEPTEMBER:** Make your imagination work and play twice as hard. Crack open seemingly closed possibilities. **OCTOBER:** Move up at least one rung on the ladder of success. **NOVEMBER:** Make yourself more receptive to blessings and help that you have overlooked or ignored. **DECEMBER:** You'll learn most from what you leave behind—so leave behind as much as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** I'll cry one tear for you, then I'll cheer. **AUGUST:** Plant seeds in places that hadn't previously been on your radar. **SEPTEMBER:** You may seem to take a wrong turn, but it'll take you where you need to go. **OCTOBER:** Open your mind and heart as wide as you can. Be receptive to the unexpected. **NOVEMBER:** I bet you'll gain a new power, higher rank, or greater privilege. **DECEMBER:** Send out feelers to new arrivals who may be potential helpers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Here are your fortune cookie-style horoscopes for the months ahead. **JULY:** Your creative powers are at a peak. Use them with flair. **AUGUST:** Wean yourself from pretend feelings and artificial motivations and inauthentic communications. **SEPTEMBER:** If you want to have greater impact and more influence, you can. Make it happen! **OCTOBER:** Love is weird but good. Trust the odd journey it takes you on. **NOVEMBER:** If you cultivate an appreciation for paradox, your paradoxical goals will succeed. **DECEMBER:** Set firm deadlines. Have fun disciplining yourself.

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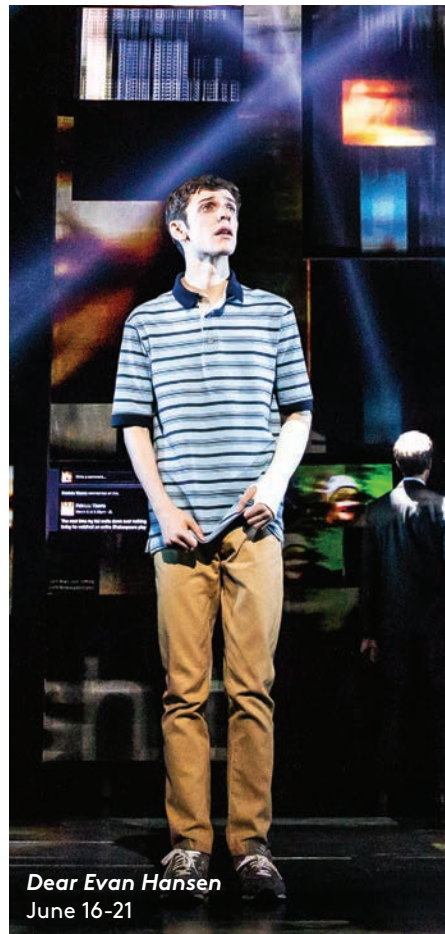


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TURN IT DOWN! - TOMMY SIME OF DEAD STREAM CORNERS: 1984-2019



Dead Stream Corners performing live at the now defunct Temple Club.



Tommy Sime

Frontman of Lansing rock band remembered

Thomas Arnold Sime III, a founding member of one of Lansing's best primitive rock 'n' roll bands, died suddenly June 15. He was 35 years-old. Better known in the Lansing music scene as "Tommy," Sime was the vocalist/guitarist of Dead Stream Corners, a short-lived mid-2000s trio that also comprised bassist Ben Assaff and drummer John Larsen.

In its brief existence, Dead Stream Corners created its own hybrid of punk, rockabilly and experimental rock — much of it inspired by stacks of old records.

"In the years we were active, it was all Stooges and Cramps, bands like that," Assaff said.

"We were listening to comps, too, like 'Nuggets,' 'Back from the Grave,' and other foreign psych comps. It was all old things, strictly '50s, '60s and early '70s music."

Getting its start in 2004, the band gigged across Lansing at venues like Mac's Bar and the Temple Club, often playing with fellow fringe bands like Fun Ender and Gaytar. With Sime's divergent howl at center stage, Dead Stream Corners also ventured outside of the city limits.

The band booked shows in several cities including Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Pittsburgh and Detroit. Assaff said "that was all Tommy."

"Once we were invited by Danny Kroha from the Demolition Doll Rods — we played with them on new year's eve at the 2500 Club that was 2005 or so," Assaff said. "John Brannon (of Negative Approach fame) was there and gave me a huge whiskey-n-Coke hug after our set, screaming about how much he loved it."

Sime, with his Fender Telecaster in hand, was a big contributor to the band's

short discography. Assaff said it was a team effort getting their songs in order. YouTube has a rare live video of the trio performing its menacing original tune, "Good Witch."

"Tommy and I kind of had different roles in the band but equal at the same time," Assaff said. "I was writing a lot of the music, riffs that would become songs. Tommy wrote all the lyrics."

While it was never released, the band indeed recorded a full-length album with producer Jim Diamond at Ghetto Recorders in Detroit. The still-shelved LP was never heard by the public, aside from one track, "Psychic Eyes," which appeared — years after it was recorded — on the "No F@%king Egos: This Is Lansing!, Volume 1" compilation CD. The frenzied six-minute track is streamed at silvermaplekillrecords.bandcamp.com.

After Dead Stream Corners dissolved, Assaff went on to form Space Brains Have Landed and Larsen fronted Mosquito Bandito — his always-touring, one-man-band. Sime kept writing and recording music, but essentially retired from live performances. Over the last few years, he spent much of his free time on his other passion, collecting comic books. His YouTube channel, "Comic Time with Tommy Sime," showcased his in-depth knowledge of everything comic related — from books and films to action figures and comic news.

Born March 14, 1984, Sime was the only son of Thomas and Jane Sime of Okemos. He also left behind his fiancé Kimberly Briones. A celebration of Sime's life was held June 21 at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel.

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The Avenue Café, 2021 E. Michigan Ave.	Trivia Night: Seinfeld 10PM	Something, Something 9PM Free	Lazy Genius 9PM Free	Jenn's Apartment 9PM Free
Classic Pub & Grill, 16219 Old US 27	DJ Trivia 8PM		Live Music 8PM	Ronnie Hernandez 8PM
Crunchy's, 254 W. Grand River Ave.		Karaoke, 9PM	Karaoke, 9PM	Karaoke 9PM
El Azteco West, 1016 W. Saginaw			Karaoke 6:30PM	
The Exchange, 314 E. Michigan Ave.	Good Cookies Band 8PM	Jeff Shoup & Friends 8:30PM	Summer of Sol 9:30PM	Summer of Sol 9:30PM
Green Door, 2005 E. Michigan Ave.		Karaoke Kraze	Icy Dicy	Frog & the Beetoners
Lansing Brewing Co., 518 E. Shiawassee	Trivia with Sporcle 9 PM		Barbarossa Brothers 8PM	The Darin Larner Trio 8PM
The Loft, 414 E. Michigan Ave.		Country-ish feat: Rod Melancon 7:30PM	40 Below Summer 6:30PM	
Macs Bar, 2700 E. Michigan Ave.	Tell Yo Mama 9PM	High Command 8PM	Mr. Denton On Doomsday	Ricochet the Kid 9PM
Robin Theatre, 1105 S. Washington Ave			Stefano Barone 8PM	Dobros: Heal the World 8PM
Unicorn, 327 Cesar E. Chavez, Lansing			7th Hour 9PM	Lady Luck 9PM
UrbanBeat, 1213 Turner St.	Skyward Fusion 7PM	Euro Trio 7PM	Michael Reed 7PM	Lawrence Leathers Memorial Jam 6PM
VFW 701, 123 N. Rosemary			The New Rule 8PM	

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Sparrow Hospital cited for 'patient safety'

Accrediting agency finds multiple deficiencies

A national organization that accredits Sparrow Hospital has issued a preliminary denial after finding scores of deficiencies during a recent unannounced safety inspection.

The accrediting organization called



Dear Readers:

Hundreds of City Pulse readers pick up their copies at Sparrow Hospital and the Sparrow-owned Michigan Athletic Club ... usually.

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Video Game Designer - 4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

EVENTS

Hogwarts Adventure - 4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

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

Movies on the Ball Field! - Family friendly. 9-10 p.m. Fitzgerald Memorial Ball Field, 110 S Bridge St, Grand Ledge. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Mudge's Follies - Variety Show! 7 p.m. Grand Ledge High School, 820 Spring St., Grand Ledge. 517-331-1736.

Sensory Friendly Hours - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116.

SHEROES LGBT Care - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Ingham Co. Dept. of Veteran Affairs, 5303 S Cedar St, Lansing.

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

ART

Art Adventure - 4 p.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Black Swan New - 4-6 p.m. Painting with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. paintingwithatwist.com.

Wicked Moonlight - 7:30-9:30 p.m. Painting with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. paintingwithatwist.com.

MUSIC

Common Ground Music Festival 2019 - June 27-30. 4-11 p.m. Adado Riverfront Park, 300 N. Grand Ave., Lansing.

Jon Shain and Darcy Wilkin Live at Elderly Instruments - 7-9 p.m. 1100 N. Washington Ave., Lansing. 517-372-7880. elderly.com.

Saturday, June 29

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Converting Your Lawn Into a Pollinator Paradise - 12-2 p.m. Hunter Park GardenHouse, 1400 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

Everything You Need to Know About Parenting - 2:30-5 p.m. East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd, East Lansing. 517-351-2420. bestbabykit.com.

Free Poetry Workshops - 1-3 p.m. Deb's Sereni-TEA Lounge, 115 E. Walker, St. Johns.

EVENTS

Celebrate Meridian Festival & Food Truck Rally - 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Meridian Twp. Complex, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos. meridian.mi.us.

Fearless: 2019 Summer Ministry Event - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mount Hope Church, 3417 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston.

Forster Woods Adult Day Center Golf Scramble - 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wheatfield Valley Golf Course, 1600 Linn Rd, Williamston. forsterwoods.org.

GL Recycle & Compost Hours: 8 am - 4 pm - Grand Ledge. onedatatownship.org.

"I am Enough" The Grit, Glam, & Guts Teen Conference 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. MSU College of Education, Erickson Hall, East Lansing.

Mason Area Fireworks Fun Bike Ride (2019) - 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Rides start at Mason High School, Routes are 3-mile family loop, 10, 25, 50 miles, Mason. business.masonchamber.org.

ART

Fully Inspired Elephant - 7-9:30 p.m. Painting

with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. paintingwithatwist.com.

Lake Sunset - 4-6 p.m. Painting with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. www.paintingwithatwist.com.

Queenie and King Me 7-9:30 p.m. Painting with a Twist, 580 Frandor Ave, Lansing. 517-483-2450. paintingwithatwist.com.

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Sunday, June 30

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

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

EVENTS

again! KITTEN YOGA - raise funds for The Trendy Tabby cat cafe! 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Old Town Marquee, 319 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing.

East Lansing Farmers Market -10 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

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Monday, July 1

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

Charlotte Area Sports Performance Training - Learn the fundamentals. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte. myalive.com.

Five Wishes - Make your end-of-life wishes known. 1 hour cours.. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing. 517-337-1113.

Geology Rocks! - 9 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

EVENTS

DDL Walking Club - 10 am, weather permitting. 10-11 a.m. DeWitt District Library, 13101 Schavey Rd, DeWitt. 517-669-3156. dewittlibrary.org.

Exotic Zoo Animal Show - 3-4 p.m. Willow Ridge Elementary School, 12840 Nixon Rd., Grand Ledge. 517-627-7014.

Lansing Horror Book Club Meeting - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Blue Owl Coffee, 1149 S Washington Ave, Lansing. 517-575-6836.

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

Tuesday, July 2

LITERATURE AND POETRY

Paws for Reading - Read to a certified therapy dog. 6-7 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Picnic StoryTime - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Grand Ledge Area District Library, 131 E Jefferson St. grandledge.lib.mi.us.

EVENTS

Game Night - The biggest and best weekly game night in Lansing! 7 p.m. Green Dot Stables, 410 S. Clippert St., Lansing.

Get Messy! - 9 a.m. Impression 5 Science Center, 200 Museum Dr, Lansing. 517-485-8116. impression5.org.

Injury Clinic - join us for a free consult with a sports or health professional, such as a 5:30-7 p.m. ALIVE, 800 W Lawrence Ave, Charlotte.

Play in the Park - Interactive children's entertainment series. 7 p.m. Valley Court Park, 300 Valley Court, East Lansing. cityofeastlansing.com.

Summer Activity by Parks & Recreation - Tunes and Tales with Tricia. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Bath Middle School Cafeteria, 13675 Webster Rd, Bath. bathtownship.us.



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Tacos from the newly re-opened Mr. Taco



By SKYLER ASHLEY

The legendary Lansing taco shop has become a nexus point between fast food and the absurd.

Whether you can have a taste of the long-closed, but since re-opened Mr. Taco depends on the near daily posts to Facebook by owner Bill Bonofiglo. His daily posts announce whether Mr. Taco is "CLOSED" or "OPEN."

I ordered two tacos without lettuce and a side of beans. After a few bites, the verdict was that the food was good. Is it deserving of the exalted status? In my opinion, no. There's a Mexican chain popular on the west coast called Del Taco, which, like Mr. Taco, is a step above Taco Bell but at the end of the day is still fast food.

The taco sauce — another key part of the Mr. Taco's mythos — was kept in a large metal dispenser. There was no problem assuring my food was sauced properly.

The sauce was the star attraction. The tacos on their own weren't particularly captivating. The hard corn tortilla broke apart satisfyingly, easy to chew but not frustratingly crumbly. But what made it feel special was my compulsion to drench my taco and my beans in the sauce.

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