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INFORMATION

5 DAYS NLY

WHAT:

WE'RE BUYING AND EVALUATING THESE ITEMS AND MORE!

WHEN:

AUGUST 27TH THRU AUGUST 31ST TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 10AM-6PM SATURDAY 10AM-3PM

WHERE:

HOLIDAY INN 5278 E PICKARD STREET MT PLEASANT MI 48858 OFF 127/20 (ACROSS FROM IHOP)





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2018 CHEVY CRUZE Black, 5 Door, Hatchback, Heated Seats, Rear Camera 7,000 Miles	
2016 CADILLAC XTS-V Black, AWD, Twin Turbo, 61,000 Miles	
2016 BUICK LACROSSE Dark Blue, 22,000 miles, Leather, Loaded, Certified\$21,900	
2016 BUICK REGAL Black, Leather, Loaded, 24,000 miles, Sunroof, Certified\$19,900	
2016 BUICK LACROSSE Silver, New Tires, 66,000 Miles, Locally Owned\$17,900	
2016 CHEVY MALIBU LTZ Silver, V6, 32,000 Miles	
2013 CHEVY IMPALA Red, V6, 78,000 Miles, Locally Owned	
2008 BUICK LUCERNE CXL Dark Mocha, 98,000 Miles, 3800 V6	
USED SUVS	
2019 GMC ACADIA DENALI Smokey Quartz, AWD, 17,000 Miles	
2019 JEEP CHEROKEE Gray, Leather, Limited, 4x4, 26,000 Miles	

2018 NISSAN ROGUE SL4W Gray, 23,000 Miles
2018 FORD ESCAPE AWD
Blue, 17,000 Miles\$21,900
2018 GMC TERRAIN FWD SLE Brown, 34,000 Miles\$20,900
2017 BUICK ENCLAVE AWD Iridium Leather Pkg., 82,000 Miles
2017 GMC TERRAIN SLE-2 AWD V6, 24,000 Miles, Silver
2017 GMC TERRAIN SLE-2 AWD V4, 40,000 Miles, Dark Blue
2017 CHEVY EQUINOX FWD LT Burgundy, 20,000 Miles, Remote Start, Heated Seats
2016 BUICK ENVISION PREMIUM 1 AWD, Silver, 26,000 Miles
2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE FWD Black, 85,000 Miles
2016 BUICK ENCORE Gray, 20,000 Miles\$17,900
2016 CHEVY EQUINOX FWD White, 4 Cyl, Heated Seats, Remote Start, 35,000 Miles
2015 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL FWD Champagne Silver, Leather, 24,000 Miles, Certified
2015 GMC TERRAIN DENALI White, AWD, 72,000 Miles
2015 GMC TERRAIN AWD SLE-2 35,000 Miles, Gold
2015 FORD EDGE Green Gray, Well Equipped, SEL Pkg, 53,000 Miles
2015 GMC TERRAIN SLE White, AWD, 83,000 Miles
2014 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL FWD Mocha, 96,000 Miles, 1 Owner

USED TRUCKS
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2018 CHEVROLET COLORADO CREW CAB 4X4 Silver Ice, 24,000 Miles\$29,900
2017 GMC SIERRA DOUBLE CAB Pepperdust, 29,000 Miles, SLT
2016 GMC SIERRA DOUBLE CAB SLT, 4x4, Black, 35,000 Miles
2016 GMC SIERRA CREW CAB Satin Steel, 4x4, 5.3 V8, SLE, New Tires, With Leather Heated Seats, 70,000 Miles
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2016 CHEVY EXT. CAB 4X4 White, 110,000 Miles\$20,900
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2015 CHEVROLET SILVERADO CREW CAB LT Summit White, 32,000 Miles\$29,900
2015 GMC SIERRA DOUBLE CAB 4X4 SLE Black, 31,000 Miles
2015 GMC DOUBLE CAB Red, 4x4, 47,000 Miles, XX\$25,900
2014 GMC CREW SLT White, 89,000 Miles, Leather
2014 CHEVY SILVERADO CREW CAB LT Black, 5.3 V8, 82,000 Miles, V6\$24,900
2014 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 4X4 DOUBLE CAB White, 70,000 Miles\$20,900
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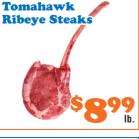
















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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

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Oscoda, MI Saturday August 31, 2019 • 10:00 A.M.

Tractors, Trucks, Forklifts & Related Equipment: 1991 Ford 555 Loader/Backhoe W/ Cab • 1993 White 6085 2 W.D. Tractor, Very Clean, Like New Cond. • 1983 I.H. 1754 5 Yd. Dump Truck W/ Front Plow & Underbody Scraper, Very Clean Cond • 1968 Kaiser/Jeep Military Dump Truck • 1965 Kaiser/Jeep Military Dump Truck • Oshkosh Cab & Chassis, CAT 1673B C&C # 8900R81 • 1984 Chevy C-20 ¾ Ton 4x4 Diesel Truck (Bad Fuel Pump) • 1977 Dodge 3/4 Ton Truck, V-8 W/ Dump Box • Athey Model ARTFT-6 Rough Terrain 4x4 Diesel Fork Lift, 6,000 Cap. • 1980 Hyster Forklift • 2000 Landpride RC6015 15' Batwing Mower • (2) Warsaw Model BMP 2250 22' High Speed Runway Plows, New • 8'x14' Dump Box W/ 12V/ Hyd. Pump • 8 Yard Dump Box • 1990 7x16' Assembled Landscape Trailer • 5'x8' Steel Side Trailer • Root 4400 12' Underbody Scraper • Shop Support & Misc. Items: Gates #PC707 Hyd. Hose Maker W/ Dies & Hyd. Fittings • Powermatic #100 H.D. 12" Planer • Coats Tire Machine • Vertical Belt Sander • Miller Stick Welder • Large Engine Hoist • Hyd. Jack Hammer- Fits Excavator • (16) 6' Scraper Blades, (New) • Large Ind. 3 Cyl. Air Compressor • 12.5 H.P. 230 3 Phase 4 Cyl. Air Compressor • 3 H.P. Oil Less Air Compressor • 10 H.P. 3 Phase Paper Shredder • Marathon 6030 Card Board Compactor • Large Card Board Compactor • Wright Elec. Chain Hoist • (3) 7000# Axles, 8 Lug W/ Brakes & Springs (New) EZ Lube, 80" Spring Center 94" Hub Face • (6) Trailer Tires 235/80R16 W/ Rims, New • Sand Piper 2" Air Powered Diaphram Pump • Home Lite 3" Diaphram Pump • Stationary Pressure Washer • Troy-Bilt Chipper Vac • Troy-Bilt Chipper/Shredder • Aluminum Shelter • Pallet Of Fluid Pumps & Motors • Large Tire Cage 32"X 60"X 80" • Pallet Aluminum Grating • Tri-Pod Pipe Vise • Vintage Military Type Rotating Hardware Bin W/ Bolts • (5) Cabinets Full Of Air Force Bolts • Job Smart Parts Cleaner • Numerous Rolls Of 7' Cyclone Fencing W/ Cyclone Gates & Hardware • (3) Pallets Of Brick Panels • Approx. 420' Of 1 1/2" Black Pipe, Used • Approx. 80' Of 1" Black Pipe • Large Scrap Iron Pile • Many More Items • Consigned By Oscoda Twp. Police Dept.: 7' X 16' T.A. Enclosed Trailer • 2001 Chevy Tahoe • Large Detroit Diesel Generator, 277/480V • Yamaha Blaster ATV • Pantera 250 CC Dirt Bike • 9' Perception Kayak W/ Paddle • Sawyer 16' Fiberglass Canoe • Approx. (90) Bicycles • Honda 3 Wheeler In Pcs. • Honda 4 Wheeler In Pcs. • Pellet Guns • Swords • Bushnell Laser Range Finder (Nib) • Misc. Nikon Camera & Lenses • Fishing Poles • (53) Eisenhower Silver Dollars From The 70'S • (6) Kennedy Half Dollars • Misc. Coins/Collections • Diving Equip. • (6) Patrol Vehicle Partitions • Lots Of Sporting Items • Misc. Tools • Jacks & Jack Stands • Electronics • *This Is* A Partial Listing! Auctioneers Note: Make Special Plans To Attend This Good Auction. This Listing Represents A Partial Listing. All Items Have Been Maintained & Stored Inside. Your Attendance At The Oscoda-Wurtsmith Auction Is Appreciated Inspection Is Welcome: Friday Aug. 30, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Terms Of Sale: Cash, Check Or Credit Cards Accepted.

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Olson Trust Real Estate & Personal Property Auction To settle the Tom & Betty Olson Trust the follow real estate and listed items will be located at 3682 E. Blanchard Rd. Shepherd, Ml. 48883

From Mt. Pleasant - travel 3 miles south of town on Mission Rd to Blanchard Rd, then west 1/4 mile to sale site. From Shepard - travel 4 miles west on Blanchard Rd to sale site. Watch for Pioneer Auction signs!

Saturday, September 7th @ 10am

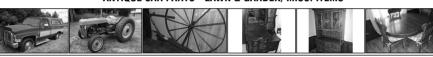


Located just south of Mt Pleasant near Missio Located just south of MT Pleasant near Mission Rd, this single-owner mid-century 4 bedroom home is situated on a 17.5+/- acre track that includes over 14.5 acres of tillable land with 620 ft of road frontage (and several possible splits for the chance to develop the property). Custombuilt home has a master suite on the main floor and 3 bedrooms upstairs, and over 2,648 sq ft of finished living area! Along with the oversized attached 2-car garage, the homestead includes a 40ft x 60ft pole barn. Home is well maintained and ready for it's new owner.



Open House / Inspection Date - Thursday August 29th from 5pm to 7p Real Estate Terms & Conditions - Buyers should pre-inspect property and prearrange finances before auction. High bidder will pay a \$3000.00 nonrefundable deposit in certified funds (payable Mt. Pleasant Abstract) due on auction day at time of accepted high bid. Buyer and seller will split closing cost 50/50. Seller will provide owners title insurance. Closing will be within 45 days of auction!

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Terms and Conditions: Cash, good personal check with proper ID, accepting Visa, MasterCard and Discover w/a 3% processing fee. All out of state checks must have a letter from bank verifying funds. All property to be settled for day of sale. No property to be removed from premises until

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August 30 & 31

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Saturday, August 31

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Wheeler Township Public Hearing Notice

Wheeler Township Planning Commission Board 8510 E. Monroe Rd. Wheeler, MI 48615 989.842.3428

Meeting Date: September 4, 2019 Meeting Time: 7pm

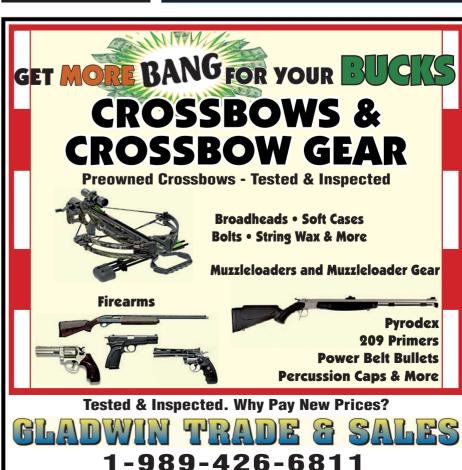
Meeting Location: Wheeler Township Hall

Purpose of Meeting: Marijuana Ordinance

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Key traits of a good financial advisor

Professional financial advice can be a valuable asset for men and women focused on their futures.

Effective financial advisors help their clients navigate the sometimes confusing waters of personal finance, helping them to achieve both short- and long-term goals. Financial advisors can help men and women protect their savings, make smart investments and grow their wealth.

What defines the right financial advisor depends on the client. Some financial advisors' strategies may not appeal to all prospective clients, so it's important that men and women vet financial professionals before trusting them with their hard-earned money. The following are a few things adults can look for as they begin searching for someone to help them secure their financial futures.

- Credentials: Consumers may benefit by selecting a person who is just a financial planner, and not an accountant or insurance advisor. A financial advisor who is a certified financial planner (CFP) is licensed and regulated, and he or she has taken mandatory classes on the various aspects of financial planning.
- Humility and an ability to listen: Financial advisors need to be in-tune with their clients' needs, rather than putting their own best interests first. Northstar Financial

Planning notes that good advisors lend support and will ride out the ups and downs of financial decisions.

- Recommendations: Advisors who have a reliable track record likely have clients willing to vouch for them. Men and women can ask friends, family or coworkers for recommendations regarding financial advisors.
- Wealth of experience: An advisor who has many years' experience under his or her belt has likely worked with clients from all walks of life and men and women whose comfort levels regarding risk have run the gamut. That wealth of experience can prove invaluable to clients.
- Continued learning: Advisors who have memberships in financial associations and continue their education are committed to honing their craft and staying on top of changes in their field.

Financial advisors can be assets to people looking to protect their finances. Finding the right one is paramount. Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection



After finishing school and landing their first jobs, the furthest thing on many young professionals' minds is retirement. Although the day young workers will cash their last paychecks and bid farewell to the workplace may be decades down the road, it's never too early to begin saving for retirement.

The sooner a person begins saving for retirement, the more time his or her money will have to grow. As more deposits are made and interest is compounded, retirement investments can grow considerably.

Ideally, workers should begin saving as soon as possible. Compounding interest produces a better return for professionals who start saving when they are young than for those who delay their retirement savings. Unfortunately, many of today's new workers are not prioritizing retirement. According to a study from Hewitt Associates, just 31 percent of Generation Y employees (individuals born after 1978) who are able to deposit money into a 401(k) retirement plan actually do so. The easiest way to save for retirement is to make the process entirely automatic. One can achieve this by signing up for an employer-sponsored 401(k) or another retirement plan. When opening a 401(k), workers will have a predetermined portion of their earnings deducted from their paychecks and deposited into the retirement account. Such contributions are made prior to being taxed, adding even more incentive to begin saving as soon as possible. Money deposited into a 401(k) will then be available for withdrawal when the employee reaches retirement age. If the employer has a matching program, even better, as that means the company will match employee contributions up to a certain percentage.

A person may also want to establish an IRA (individual retirement account). IRAs, which are available as traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs, are typically offered through financial establishments and provide tax-friendly ways to save for retirement. There are differences between traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs, and these differences are related to taxes and may depend on when contributions are made as well as when withdrawals are made. Speak with a financial planner to help you determine the IRA best suited to your personal needs.

Young professionals may want to keep more of their retirement funds in stocks and aggressive accounts to earn more. As one gets older and closer to retirement, a conservative approach is more prudent. Advisors may suggest older professionals then begin investing in bonds and other less volatile opportunities.

Professionals of all ages can speak with a financial planner for more information regarding retirement savings. In addition, options to invest through an employer can be discussed with human resources personnel.

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Simple ways to quickly boost credit scores

The road to great credit begins with consumers. Consumers who demonstrate an ability to pay bills on time and stay out of debt can make themselves more attractive to prospective creditors, which can ultimately save them thousands of dollars when they purchase homes

While strong credit scores take years to build, men and women looking to improve their scores can begin doing so rather quickly. Scores will not skyrocket overnight, but they will begin to improve if consumers begin taking the following steps.

• Pay bills on time. Paying bills on time is one of the most effective and simplest ways for consumers to improve their credit scores. One of the credit scores lenders use to determine if they will extend credit to a given applicant is the FICO® score, which is generated by the Fair Isaac Corporation. According to the Fair Isaac Corp., a FICO score is broken down into five categories, some of which factor more heavily than others. An individual's payment history accounts for 35 percent of his or her FICO score, making it the most influential of the five factors for people who have been using credit for a long time. (Note: People with a nonexistent or greatly limited credit history may have their FICO scores more influenced by other factors.) If necessary, set up automatic payments so all bills, but especially bills owed to creditors, such as credit card companies and student loan lenders, are paid on time.



- Pay down balances and keep them low. Paying bills on time might not be enough to dramatically improve credit scores if consumers are still only paying the minimum amount each month while maintaining high balances. After payment history, amounts owed is the second biggest influence of most consumers' FICO scores, accounting for 30 percent of an individual's score. So in addition to paying on time, consumers should try to pay more than the minimum amount due each month, ideally paying balances in full each month.
- Study your credit report. Credit scores can sometimes fall victim to errors on a person's credit report. A 2012 Federal Trade Commission Study found that roughly 25 percent of all consumers had errors on their credit reports that adversely affected their credit scores. Consumers who suspect their credit score does not reflect their credit worthiness should examine their reports, which are available to all consumers once a year for free, for mistakes. Report any mistakes to Equifax, Experian and/or
- Wait to apply for new lines of credit or mortgages. Consumers' credit scores take a small hit each time they apply for new lines of credit, whether it's a credit card or mortgage. Consumers who want to guickly improve their scores should refrain from applying for new lines of credit until they have increased their scores to a point where they won't mind seeing those scores take a small dip.

Consumers' credit scores can affect their lives in various ways. While it takes time to build strong credit histories, consumers can take small steps to begin improving their credit scores right away.

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Pros and cons to giving kids allowances

Parents can employ various strategies, including assigning chores, to instill a sense of responsibility in their children. The natural segue from chores is to offer compensation for the jobs that children are doing. Allowances can provide foundations for parents to teach kids about working for a living. Kids are able to grasp the concept that money doesn't come without hard work. Also, allowances paint the picture that one's financial resources are commensurate with the effort he or she puts in. Giving allowances also can help teach children how to manage money, plan ahead and make spending choices about what's most important, according to the parenting guide Raise Smart Kids.

Allowances can be tough to figure out. For example, parents may not know how to determine the rate and frequency of payouts.

According to Lewis Mandell, a former dean of business at the State University of New York at Buffalo, giving a child an allowance, especially a regular, unconditional allowance that the child can depend on, isn't the right way to approach allowances. Children may begin to view this allowance as an entitlement. In fact, Mandell's research on teens in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia found, without exception, that teens who received a regular unconditional allowance had diminished financial literacy, lower levels of motivation and an increased aversion to work.

But when handled properly, allowances can be important tools. Here are some additional benefits to allowances.

- Allowances can provide incentive to get chores done.
- Allowances can motivate students to work hard at school.
- Allowances can include a required portion to be donated, teaching kids the importance of being charitable.

Learning the correlation between work and compensation is a lesson that starts in childhood. Allowances can be an important part of kids' early financial education. Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection



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How young people can avoid the debt trap

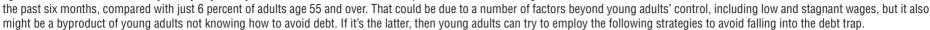
Rites of passage come in many forms. Some are religious ceremonies marking an important stage in a person's spiritual life, while others are less ceremonial but still impactful.

For many young people who are old enough to vote but not necessarily old enough to live completely independent of their parents, digging oneself out of debt is an early financial rite of passage. But youth and debt need not go hand in hand, even though statistics suggest otherwise.

According to the Federal Reserve, student loan debt reached historical highs in the first quarter of 2018, surpassing \$1.5 trillion for the first time ever. That figure is even more staggering when compared to figures from a decade ago, when total student loan was about \$600 billion.

And it's not just student loan debt that's jeopardizing young people's financial futures. Consumer debt compiled through the use of credit cards has long been a thorn in the sides of young adults, many of whom apply for credit cards before they fully understand the concept of credit, only to learn the hard way that swiping credit cards comes at an oftentimes steep cost.

But while the young people of vestervear might have landed in debt by using credit cards for nonessentials like a night out with friends, a recent survey from the professional services firm PwC found that young adults currently between the ages of 25 and 34 are more likely to buy day-to-day essentials with credit. In fact, 20 percent admitted to doing to so in



- Explore your repayment options. According to Student Debt Relief, a private company that looks to educate and empower consumers about student loan debt, the average college graduate in the class of 2016 had \$37,172 in debt. That's nearly \$10,000 more debt than the average graduate from the class of 2011. Young adults struggling to repay their student loans can explore various options, including federal student loan repayment plans, such as the Pay As You Earn plan and the Income- Based plan. Each plan is different, but young adults should know that they have many repayment options.
- Avoid consumer debt. Interest rates on credit cards can be high, especially for young people without lengthy credit histories. As a result, it's best to only use such cards for emergencies and not to pay for nights out with friends or a new pair of shoes. Consumer debt that's not paid off in full each month also can adversely affect young adults' credit ratings, which can hurt them when they get older and look to buy their own homes or other big-ticket items.
- Live at home. While many college graduates want to maintain their independence and live on their own after graduation, moving back in with mom and dad might be the most financially savvy move to make. Doing so allows young adults with jobs to begin building their nest eggs and can help them avoid having to use credit cards to meet their day-to-day needs. Debt ensnares many voung adults.

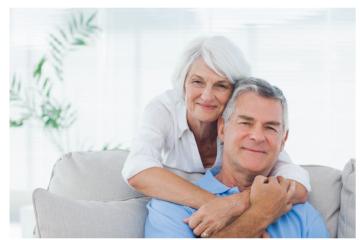
But there are ways for young people to avoid debt and pave the way for a bright financial future. Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

Financial tips to survive job loss

The job market is fickle, and no one is immune to layoffs. Although the unemployment rate in the United States dipped to 4.9 percent in June 2016 and Canada's rate hovered around 7 percent in May 2016, the job market remains somewhat unpredictable. Preparing financially for unemployment can be prudent, even for working professionals who do not anticipate being laid off. Financial advisors recommend adults save the equivalent of six months' salary to cover their expenses in the event of job loss. Individuals who want to protect themselves and their assets in the case of job loss can also heed the following tips.

- Examine current finances. It's important to have an accurate assessment of your current financial situation. Calculate monthly expenses to get a handle on what you are spending. Compare those expenditures against your savings to see if the latter can keep you afloat should you lose your job. Look for areas where you may be overspending, even cutting out some luxuries if you suspect a job loss is looming or just want to build your savings.
- Begin budgeting for loss of health insurance. Health insurance coverage typically ends when a person is laid off. Loss of coverage might not be immediate, but it may occur within months of a layoff. Health insurance is a considerable cost, and you will need to budget for the expense so that you will have access to the health services you need.
- Research options in government benefits. Few people like the prospect of visiting the unemployment office after being laid off, but delaying the process could negatively affect your finances. It can take some time for unemployment claims to be processed, so apply as soon as possible after losing your job.
- Find ways to supplement your income. Bringing in any money can be helpful. If it is feasible, look for ways to make some cash while you search for a new job in your field. This may include working from home, freelancing or selling items online. Consider part-time work while you look for a job. You may prefer to find temporary or part-time work in your field, but your hobbies and other interests may present income possibilities as well.
- Practice living with less. Cut out unnecessary expenses and attempt to live with less. You may find that this comes easily and continue to do so even though you remain employed. Such a trial run can bolster your savings in the event of layoff while also acclimating you to living with less should a layoff ever occur.
- Don't burn bridges. While it's understandable to harbor some resentment toward an employer for letting you go, that same employer may be able to help you in the long run. Supervisors can help you find a new job or write glowing recommendations. Staying positive and resisting the temptation to badmouth a former employer can only help you in the long run. Losing a job is seldom easy and is often unexpected. But there are steps adults can take to prepare for losing their jobs. Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

How to build a holiday giving budget



Spending time with loved ones and reflecting on all of the blessings the previous year has bestowed is a great way to celebrate the holiday season. But giving, entertaining and traveling are part of the season as well, and that can leave many people wondering how to finance their holiday season.

Many people admit to spending more than they initially intended to spend during the holiday season, leaving them with sizable bills to pay come January. This trend is dubbed the "holiday hangover," and MagnifyMoney found that Americans racked up an average of \$1,054 of debt during the 2017 holiday season, a 5 percent increase over 2016. Recent data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says consumer credit card debt stands at \$808 billion. A portion of that ongoing debt is accumulated during the holidays — but it doesn't have to be. By establishing a budget and a

plan to pay down their debt, consumers can gift without grief.

first step The establishing a holiday shopping budget is to make a list of all the people with whom you intend to

exchange gifts. Jot down charitable gifts and entertaining/social expenses as well. With paper in hand, it can be easier to visualize just how many people are on the gift list, making it easier to allot a certain amount to each person. Friends and coworkers may receive less than family members.

Next think about a total dollar amount to earmark for the holidays. This amount is something that you should be able to comfortably pay off in full at the end of the holiday season — no more than a month or two after New Year's Day.

Do not feel obligated to purchase more than one gift for each person on your list. Parents who want to have a few extra items under the tree for their children or who have to finance presents from Santa Claus can set aside more money to make such purchases. However, these gifts should also be factored into the overall budget.

It's important to keep track of spending even after the budget has been created. This way you can see if you are adhering to your budget. Record gifts as you would checks in a register. Take home receipts and tally your spending to see if it aligns. Make adjustments as necessary if you are on track to go over your budget.

When budgeting, keep in mind the potentially inflated costs of hot items for the year. It can be tempting to splurge on the latest video game console, but will it be obsolete in a few months? Budgeting and frugal buying go hand-in-hand.

Budgets do not need to remain fixed from year to year. If this year was a banner year in terms of finances, you may be able to afford more. If it wasn't, you may have to cut back. True friends and close family members should understand that the value of the gift is not based on its price tag. Budgeting is important for holiday spending. With a budget in hand, consumers can avoid holiday hangover and potential financial ruin for months to come. Story courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

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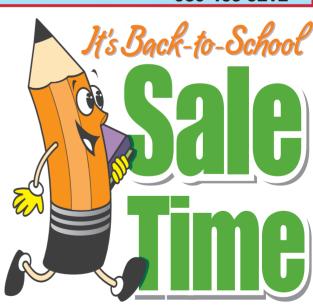
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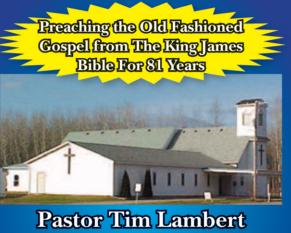
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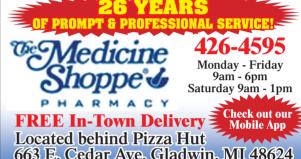
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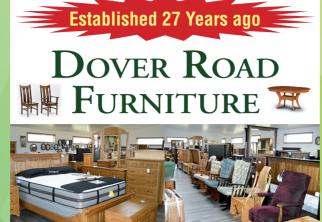
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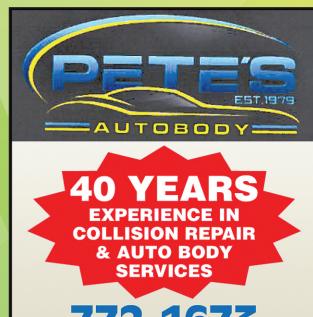
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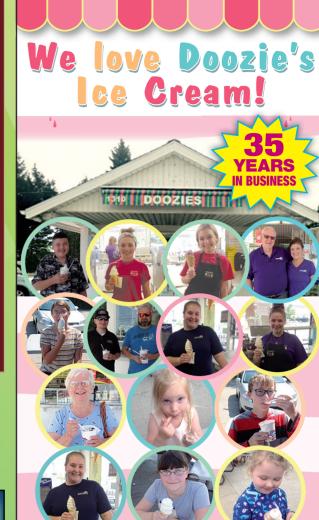
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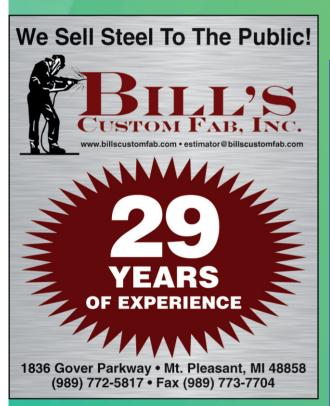


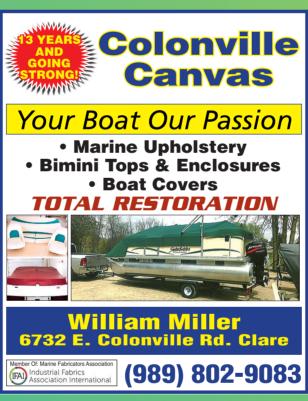
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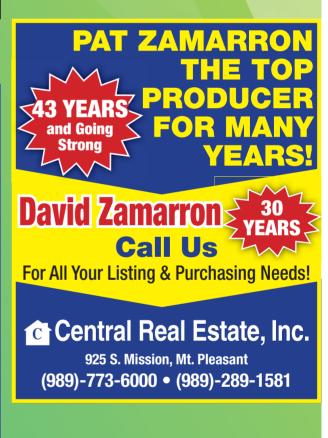
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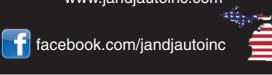




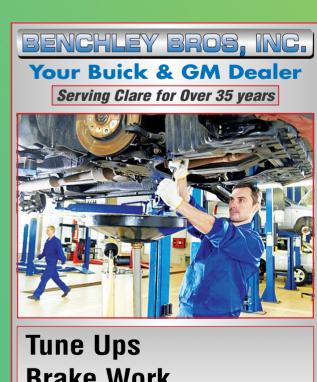


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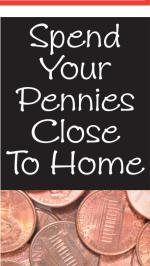
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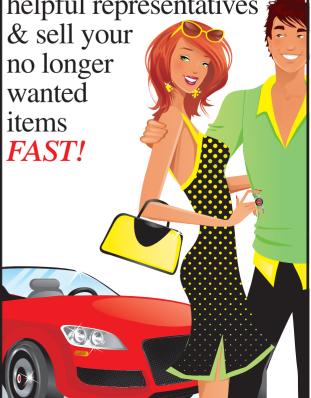
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