

the entire M-139 corridor in Michigan's Great Southwest. Those paying close attention in late January saw activity underway at the former Cosmo Extended Stay Inn site at I-94 and M-139 in Sodus Township, but likely had no idea what that activity meant. One man who certainly knew what the white utility trucks from a civil engineering and survey team with multiple offices across the Midwest were up to, is Sodus Township Supervisor David Chandler. Chandler has been working for the past year and a half to bring fruition to a deal that will see the dilapidated eyesore demolished and replaced by a brand new Speedway service station, convenience store and commercial truck stop destined for that interchange. Civil engineers and site investigators from CESO, Inc., originally founded in Davton, Ohio, in 1987. spent several days off and on at the shuttered, burnedout motel in January, reportedly hired by site planners out of DeWitt, Michigan to conduct site inspections, take soil samples, and other site research as part of the due diligence feasibility work of the ultimate developers. Those developers work for Speedway Corporation which is seeking a special land use permit and variance from both the Sodus Township Planning Commission and ultimately, the Sodus Township Board itself next month when a public hearing is scheduled to be held. I reached out to Chandler in late January, but he was bound by confidentiality agreements regarding the proposition for the property and while confirming that the engineering teams were working on a project, could not divulge anything regarding who or what might be targeting that site for redevelopment. This week, Chandler was able to confirm that on July 10th his office received a formal application for the special land use permit and variance request from Speedway hopeful of gaining approval to convert the nearly 9-acre site in the northwest quadrant of the interchange to a sparkling new service station, truck stop and convenience store. He says that the Sodus Township Planning Commission has established a public hearing for 7pm on August 10th to hear the requests. The planners will then forward their recommendation to the full Sodus Township Board of Trustees the next night, August 11th for their approval or denial. Many people across the region would love to see the severely fire-damaged extended Continued on page 8

Arthur

President,

SMR Chamber

Havlicek,



Businesses caught in the crossfire.

Masks have become an increasingly contentious issue since the start of this pandemic. Public discourse regarding the topic has escalated to a point where we at the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber feel compelled to speak out. Our message to consumers on the topic is a simple one: *Don't take your frustrations out on businesses*.

Over the last few months, we've seen tension over the mask issue split people into different camps. Some wear their masks dutifully while others choose not to as a political statement. Some cannot medically tolerate wearing a mask and are exempt from the rule while others are

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genuinely confused over the mixed signals we have received from health care experts and government leaders. Regardless, just about everyone is dealing with at least some fatigue over all of this. After all, we've been dealing with this pandemic for over five months now and there seems to be no end in sight.

To complicate matters even more, Governor Whitmer recently issued two new executive orders (2020-147 and 2020-153) requiring Michiganders to wear a mask in public spaces both indoors and out.

Most notably, the orders require any business that is open to the public to refuse entry or service to anyone who refuses to wear a face covering. If a state department or agency learns that a licensee (business) is in violation of this section, they can and will suspend the business's license to operate.

For months, businesses have been struggling to survive. They have worked tirelessly to keep up with a maelstrom of mandates spread across an excessive number of executive orders. They have had to make tough choices resulting in the cancellation of cherished traditions or the termination of valued staff. They have been forced to adapt their business to this turbulent environment without any certainty of what's ahead. They have had to find ways to make ends meet for their business and put food on the table for their family.

On top of all this, businesses have had to deal with numerous consumers shouting, ranting, and even shaming them over their handling of the mask issue. With this latest executive order, we have seen the number of these instances increase.

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Regardless of where you fall in the mask debate, or whether you agree or disagree with the Governor's mandate, there is one thing everyone can and should agree upon: Businesses did not create this situation, nor do they want to be charged with policing it. Not one of them appreciates being caught in the crossfire of serving their customers and enforcing the latest order. Not one of them can afford to risk losing their job, their business license, or you as their valued customer.

If you would like to voice your frustration regarding the mask rule, call Gov. Whitmer's constituent services line at 517-335-7858. If you have any questions regarding the rule, or this article, I'll offer my direct line as well: 269-757-0216

As a community, we must recognize the difficult position our local businesses have been in this year. We must understand they are doing everything they can to stay safe, stay in compliance, and stay open.

As individuals, we must also continue being vigilant in our own fight against the virus. Governor Whitmer has said that if Michigan's new cases continue to trend upwards, she will 'turn the dial' and send us back to phase three. This would be a devastating blow to Michigan's economy and would signal the point of no return for many local businesses who are already on the brink of closure.

We hope you'll join us in doing everything within our power to keep this from happening and in providing support and encouragement to our local businesses whenever possible.

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It has been a beautiful summer so far. Lots of sun, blue skies, very little rain, and warm temperatures. That's the perfect weather to go downtown and support friends and neighbors by shopping local. Don't forget, every Saturday from 9am-2pm to visit the St. Joseph Farmers Market. Going to the downtown

Farmers Market used to be limited to the treat of selecting your own ripe, succulent fruits and vegetables. Things have changed. Saturday morning at the Market now includes jams, honey, hearth-baked breads and fine pastries, perennials, cut flowers, organic vegetables and so much more! Take the time to chat with vendors who will share recipes, planting recommendations and cooking tips. Also, plan to visit with several friends since the number of people attending this weekly event has continued to grow over the last few years. It's a Saturday tradition, only this year it must be done wearing a mask.

You must also wear a mask to enter and exit the Inn at Harbor Shores, where every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in August brings you Live Music Dockside. The August lineup includes music by Dan Maxon, Sean McDaniel, Ryan Bendoski, Larry Johnson, Elliott & Joel Duo, Lexi Adams, and Jimmy Fastiggi. The music is from 6-9pm. While you're their enjoy beverages from the Makers Trail and delicious food!

There is more musical entertainment every Friday and Sunday from 2:30-5:30pm at Dablon Winery. The August entertainment includes Jimmy Fastiggi, Matt Gabriel, Joe Jason, Donald Savoie, Whateverly Brothers, The Backsliders, and Chris Behre. All while enjoying wine tasting and if you're lucky, small charcuterie plates from The Cheese Lady.

In this time of COVID-19 people have found creative ways to help you enjoy your leisure time. That's exactly what the folks at The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College are doing with their new Drivein Live! At The Mendel Center, August 9 and 22, and September 19 and 27. Here's how it works. Live music is back at The Mendel Center! This time they're taking

Fun & Interesting Things to Do in Michigan's Great Southwest the entertainment outdoors onto the spacious grounds of Lake Michigan College where we can all socially distance while having a great time complete with trivia contest, prize give-a-ways, and other fun! One ticket gets your carload of friends and family (up to 6 people) onto the lot on the Grand Upton Hall side of The Mendel Center. Park and get ready to enjoy the show from inside your vehicle by listening to the FM radio broadcast, or break out the lawn chairs and safely social distance with your group in your personal tailgate space. The live action on stage will be projected on a big screen for great viewing throughout the lot.

August 9, is Jenna Mammina, The Andrew Fisher Quartet, and Doc Revolver. Recognized as one of the leading women of jazz/pop crossover for three years in a row by Jazziz Magazine, Jenna Mammina's live performances capture her audiences and hold them like butterflies in the palm of her hand. "Jenna could sing a page from the phone book and make it sound like her own private piece of the sky," writes Grapevine Culture critic Kimberlye Gold.

The Andrew Fisher Quartet is a neo-soul jazz group from right here in southwest Michigan. They specialize in blending traditional genres such as soul, funk, R&B, Motown, and more while using the language of improvisation and jazz. Since its inception in 2015, AFQ showcases the unique talents of its members on wellknown songs and catalog as well as on original music from their 2019 EP.

Doctors and engineers by day, musicians by night, Doc Revolver is as eclectic as the music they play. You'll be sure to recognize some of the songs they cover, spanning multiple genres including rock, pop, alternative, indie, and the occasional country song. We will cover the other performances in future columns.

It feels good to be back talking about fun and interesting things to do in Michigan's Great Southwest! Be sure to visit www.swmichigan.org for more ideas on what to do, and be sure to call to verify that the event is still happening as these times seem to change frequently and with little notice. We'll be back in a couple of weeks with more fun ideas! Until then, wear a mask and stay safe, healthy, and well.

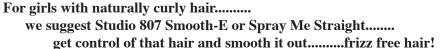
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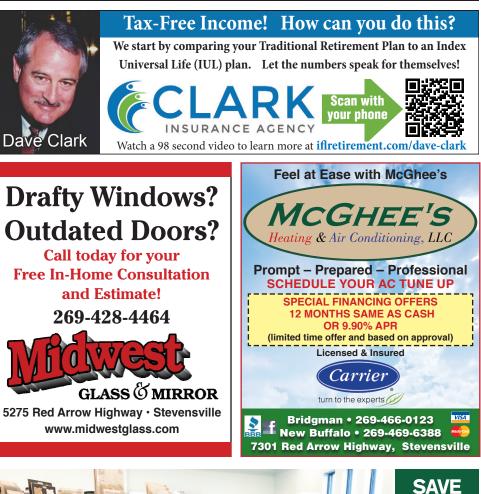
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Dave Says Ramsei People need to hear Dear Dave, success stories

So many companies and entrepreneurs are

Dear Dave,

hurting right now. With everything that's going on in the world, I find myself ashamed to celebrate business successes. In the past, I've always shared highlights with our customers to show them how amazing they are and how much their support means. How can I navigate this time without making others feel bad?

Alyssa

Dear Alyssa,

You know, in most cases people who ask this kind of question are already self-aware enough to celebrate their business success with grace and social awareness. You didn't ask how to brag, you asked how you can still celebrate what's going on in your business with your customers.

You're not firing shots at other people when you do something like this with the right heart and an attitude of gratitude and humility. You're not talking about jumping around and yelling about how great you are while saying everyone else is a doofus. All you're doing is letting people know what's working and that you're thankful for it-and them.

People need to hear success stories. They need to hear stories about winning, whether times are good or bad. It might actually inspire and encourage them. It's good news!

-Dave

Worried about college My husband and I are about to start Baby

Step 5. We want to save money for college to help our children, but we're a little worried about starting a 529 Plan and being penalized if we pull the money out for trade school or they don't finish their studies. What do you think we should do?

Dani Dear Dani,

You'd only be taxed on the growth, not what you put into the plan. And you'd be taxed on the growth anyway if you put it into something else, so there's no reason not to go with a 529 Plan. The truth is a 529 will work for a lot of trade schools. It may not be accepted if they do a straight-up apprenticeship, but it's fine for a course of study at a vo-tech school.

Now, if you don't use all of what's in your 529 for education, the portion that goes unused will be taxed. You'll want a chunk of cash sitting in your 529, enough to make a difference in their educational goals, but you don't want to overfund

-Dave

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of Veterans Affairs statistics show that 65% more than of filed claims include hearing loss and/or tinnitus. Last week we discussed tinnitus. This

week we want to discuss hearing loss. One of the best resources to view online is with the Illinois Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. at www.vfwilserviceoffice.com/ Hearing. Although hearing loss and tinnitus share a common etiology, service connection must be claimed and established separately. Usually, veterans file for both but some file for one or the other. VA examiners/raters are required to use VA Fast Letter 10-35 and VA Training Letter 10-02 when deciding audiology claim(s). If the VA does not reference that they did this, on appeals we argue that the VA examiner performed an inadequate VA exam. For more information on inadequate VA exams, please visit www.nvlsp. org/images/uploads/TVA JanJun08sample.pdf which explains on page four the precedent setting Green (Victor) v. Derwinski, 1 Vet. App. 121 (1991) case about making VA perform a thorough exam. On appeals, we use a particular Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) case at www.va.gov/ vetapp13/Files4/1337509.txt. BVA cases are non-precedential in nature, however, 38 CFR § 20.1303 states that although, "...previously issued Board decisions will be considered binding only with regard to the specific case decided. Prior decisions in other appeals may be considered in a case to the extent that they reasonably relate to the case ... " The BVA case that was cited issues very clear guidance to VA raters that it is their duty while reviewing a veterans claim to, "...make

The Department a determination of the Veteran's proper MOS (Military Occupational Specialty). Then, upon review of the Duty MOS Noise Exposure Listing, make a determination as to the probability of exposure to hazardous noise. If the duty position is shown to have a "Highly Probable" or "Moderate" probability of exposure to hazardous noise, exposure to such noise must be conceded. See VA Fast Letter 10-35 (Sept. 2, 2010); VA Training Letter 10-02 (March 18, 2010)."" I know this may seem like a lot of information to provide, however, since hearing loss and/or tinnitus are so frequently filed for and in many instances denied or rated very low, it's important for veterans who file a claim(s) to know this information. Many veterans may be discouraged from filing because they did not make any complaints in service. To further complicate matters, some VA exam facilities (both VA and contractors with the Veterans Evaluation Services thru QTC or LHI) are often not aware of the current guidelines and use, in my opinion, the outdated 2006 Noise and Military Service study (which can be viewed on the Illinois VFW website). The 2006 study which we refer to as the "Noise Manual" basically states that if you did not make complaints in service for hearing loss or tinnitus, you will be denied. Veterans who were denied in the past or are considering filing an audiology claim(s) should contact our office for more information.

> Lee Lull is the Veterans Affairs Administrator for Berrien County. He has served in that position since May 2012. You can contact Berrien County Veterans Services at (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8224, via e-mail at veterans@berriencounty.org or visit their website at www.berriencounty.org/veterans.

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saw recently someone was looking to rehome a young dog. He was eight to nine months old, a large, high energy breed, was not neutered nor did he have any kind of

training. I can't recall the

exact reason for the need to rehome, moving maybe and can't take him along? While I don't like to jump to conclusions, one would have to think this dog had been bought or adopted on purpose. Granted, normal veterinary care was disrupted for several months this year as well as training opportunities, but it sounded as though this dog hadn't really received a lot of attention in his short life. Perhaps adopted before the pandemic set in he was cut off from the medical care he should have received, not necessarily through the fault of his owner. Except now, the dog needs to find a new home and none of this is helpful in finding that home. It's difficult to find someone willing and able to take on a dog that doesn't even know his name or what "sit" means. So maybe the shelter will need to take him in and try to find the special person who can deal with the dog's issues. I truly hope he will find that person who will then give him a home forever.

When we adopted our dog Ace, he was just a year old but he already had a lot of issues. Knowing nothing about his background, we had to guess what might have caused him to, at first, be afraid of men, afraid of walking outside, afraid of strange noises, to have separation anxiety. Was he left in his crate all the time and never socialized? Was he mistreated? Who knew? Even three

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In an online post we years later, he still has a lot of issues. He's gotten over most of his fears, but he still refuses to go for a walk on somedays and yet is very clingy. Thank goodness he no longer chews up the house when we go away. It all just goes to show the effect a bad experience can have on a young dog. Because of the pandemic, fundraisers for the

> Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan are canceled for at least the next few months. To help raise funds to care for the pets they take in, there is an online campaign in process this month, with a goal of raising \$10,000. If you would like to contribute, the link is:

> www.firstgiving.com/event/13994/WE-need-help. You can also find the link on their Facebook page. Currently, the shelter is open for outdoor viewing of pets only during their regular business hours, with cat adoptions by appointment. Face masks are required as well as social distancing. They are asking for only serious adoption inquiries at this time. Don't forget to check their Amazon wishlist, if you prefer to donate that way. It's easy and there are a variety of wishes on the list!

> During this hot summer, please remember to check your pets' water dish often, especially if they're outside. They need water and shade as much as we do. A good way to check if the pavement is too hot for a walk is to lay your own hand on it. If it's too hot to you, it's too hot for a dog's feet. Most of all, never leave your pet in a parked car for even a few minutes. The temperature inside can rise to well over a hundred degrees before you know it, causing a pet to become quickly overheated. Better for them to say home and stay cool!

Pastor Rosenb

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Jesus Promises Rest [Jesus said] "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." *Matthew* 11:28

In 1962 many scholars and academics predicted

that, due to better technology, by 1985 people would work just 9 hours a week and would be able to retire at the age of 38. That prediction was just a bit off. It didn't come true in 1985. And it still hasn't come true. In fact, despite all our technological advances and time-saving gadgets, we seem to have less free time now. It's just go, go, go all the time. Newsweek once summed it all up by running a main story about the American workaholic. It was simply titled "Exhausted."

Perhaps you feel that way. But, perhaps your exhaustion isn't physical, it's spiritual. Perhaps the guilt of sin is pressing down upon you, and you don't know how much longer you can stand up under it

Listen to the words of Jesus, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened. and I will give you rest." Jesus does not say, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you a greater burden." He says, "I will give you rest." Jesus takes the weight of sin off our shoulders and frees us from its burden. On the cross, Jesus' outstretched arms held up the weight of all the sins of all people of all time. Jesus did not promise to give us a hand in carrying the load of our sins. He did not promise to give us the strength to carry it. He took it off of our shoulders and carried it himself.

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So, stand up straight. Stretch your spiritual shoulders. Look up and see the face of God now smiling on you. Rather than trying to lift the burden of your sin, lift your arms in praise to the God who removed that burden for you. Rejoice in the rest Jesus has provided!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, the guilt of my sins often weighs me down when I think of the people I have hurt, and the ways I have disobeyed your commands. Thank you for carrying my sins to the cross. Lift my spirit with the assurance that my sins are forgiven. Amen.

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stay motel demolished, considering the tragic fire just under two years ago on the morning of Saturday, July 28th, 2018 when a young mother and five of her children died in a massive fire there that spread rapidly through the building, leaving countless others homeless as a result. Developers have reached tentative agreements with buy/sell options all signed and ready pending the result of the planning commission and

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township board action next month. Chandler, who has been tracking the action for more than 18 months now, says that he was actually surprised when the agreements arrived recently, having figured that the pandemic would push the redevelopment plans deep into fall or winter at the earliest, calling it a bright spot during the tough times of late. Stay tuned as the developers continue their bid for the property and government officials weigh their options in the days ahead.

An amazing American phenomenon during World War II saw huge portions of the private sector step up to manufacture materials to keep the nation safe during a critical time of war. The replication of that dedication from the private sector in recent months right here in Michigan's *Great* Southwest was deeply applauded recently when Cornerstone Alliance and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce invited Congressman Fred Upton to publicly recognize some of those private sector firms who stepped up to help the war against



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the coronavirus by pivoting their everyday operations

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and the nation back to work. More than a dozen local

businesses and organizations were invited to the mar-

ket pavilion at Dwight Pete Mitchell City Center

Park in downtown Benton Harbor to personally

receive the thanks of a grateful community and a cer-

tificate of appreciation from Congressman Upton rec-

ognizing the amazing work they did to help fellow

businesses across the landscape find a way to get back

to business in a safe manner. Rob Cleveland,

President & CEO of Berrien County's lead eco-

nomic development agency at Cornerstone Alliance

says simply, "What we wanted to do was acknowledge

some of the many businesses in the community who

are providing Personal Protective Equipment, or

PPE for the companies residents and everyone in

our region in order to get back to work safely." While

a baker's dozen were cited that day, Cleveland says,

"There are a lot more businesses out there, there's no doubt about it, with all sorts of people providing PPE, but these are some of the businesses that are providing

masks and shields and hand sanitizer - the things that

ultimately make the consumer feel confident that they

can trust in what the business community is doing to

keep everyone safe." Cleveland told the small group

assembled along Main Street in downtown Benton

Harbor, "Each and every one of your companies here

today is responsible for getting Berrien County work-

ers and residents back to work safely, and quicker.

You've either manufactured PPE, or you've been able

to procure PPE for the companies and residents in our

community. What I think is important is the diversity

in the PPE that's here with us today. Whether you

were manufacturing shields to help patrons get back to

their favorite restaurant, or manufacturing hand sani-

tizer, or procuring the masks that each of us is wearing

here today, you've each played a critical role in getting our economy back up and going again and that's

incredibly important. So we're here to celebrate all of

you today." Arthur Havlicek, President & CEO of

the SW Michigan Regional Chamber told the honor-

ees, "You guys have saved lives. The quick actions

you've taken to help make sure that our employees, our consumers, and our front liners are protected and safe, are amazing and on behalf of all our Chamber members I want to thank you, because we wouldn't be where we are today without you." Congressman Fred Upton then stepped up to make the presentations to each company or organization involved, jokingly noting, "I've been wearing a mask since Halloween. I appreciate everyone who is doing what they're doing, but let's face it, life is a lot different these last couple of months. As we struggle to get through this, we've all made major adjustments. We know that every business is struggling with this as well." He went on to say, "We're all trying to help not only our friends, our colleagues, our peers, but also the people that we serve, to make sure that they don't get this COVID. We also continue to progress to find better testing. more immediate testing, as well as, obviously, the vaccine." On that note, Upton says, "Pfizer in Kalamazoo will actually have two production lines up and running in the next couple of weeks, producing a vaccine that has yet to be approved by the FDA. Pretty exciting." Before turning to the certificates, Fred said, "There is light at the end of the tunnel for where we want to be." Taking up the certificates, Upton noted with pride, "It was so important to see our district step up. It's like World War II with the private sector stepping up to get the work done necessary for life to continue. This is just a pat on the back to these fine folks who did the work." These are the companies that received the pat on the back today and what they provided to the community: Doubleday Office Supply - Hand sanitizer, paper toweling, building plastic shields to protect workers...Edgewater Automation - Worked with several other local firms to craft PPE equipment and supplied thermometers and masks... Eagle Technologies - PPE manufacturing collaboration with Edgewater... Thayer Products - Unable to attend...Competitive Edge - Importing and making domestically masks, shields and producing hand sanitizer, and isolation gowns...Adams & Sons Heating

to attend...Iron Shoe Distillery – Manufactured hand sanitizer during the shutdown in 5-gallon buckets and 8-oz bottles...Journeyman Distillery – Manufactured huge quanities of hand sanitizer...Lake Michigan College – Utilized the Hanson Technology Center's Fab Lab to create face masks, face shields and ear protectors...JR Automation - Continue to make automated assemblies in very short order for companies making PPE...Whirlpool Corporation Secured huge quantities of PPE materials from China in the form of surgical faces masks, gowns, sanitzer and more through global supply chain partners.. Berrien County Sheriff's Department-Instrumental in getting Eagle and Edgewater together for the collaborative efforts locally. Following the session, Congressman Upton was still pumped, saying, "We've had a number of businesses, particularly small ones, but they've really stepped up, and there is a real need, let's face it. No one ever thought that when you go to the grocery store you'd have to have a Plexiglass shield between you and the clerk, no one ever thought you'd have to have all of this hand sanitizer and the need to continually wipe everything down throughout the day at retail stores, the post office or virtually anywhere. We want our workers to be safe, and until we really get the right testing, the therapeutics, and the vaccine, we all have to take steps to protect each other." Fred noted, "We're one of 27 states now with a face mask mandate to protect ourselves as well as others, and in the workplace you have to do that, too. At least in our area, our workplaces are asking, 'How

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can we help make this here, create jobs here, but also keep everybody safe?' It's a marvelous thing, the hard work, the imagination, and the work to get things done for businesses not only throughout our own communities, but people have been driving for hours to obtain some of the products our companies have been crafting. That's a good thing for us." The best part of the recognition, according to Cornerstone's Rob Cleveland, is that, "You can get everything that your company needs from sources right here in Berrien County. There's a wide diversity of materials available here, face shields, restaurant partitions, hand sanitizer, face masks, and all of those are critical pieces in making the consumer feel confident that we're taking the steps necessary to ensure their safety." Reminding everyone that back in World War II, it was the private sector that stepped up, Fred said, frankly, "We have an enormous struggle ahead, there's no question about that, but the certainty is we're gonna get it done.'

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The general public has been invited to a

Christian Unity Service on Friday, July 31st at the

John E.N. Howard Band Shell at the corner of Lake

Boulevard and State Street in St. Joseph, with an

open arms welcome to everyone. The event is slated to

run from 7 until 9pm that evening and is designed to

celebrate our commonalities and stand as a "United

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Pat Moody

canned products like peppered jellies, baked goods including the likes of cookies, bagels, tarts and cinnamon rolls, alongside local artisan showcasing handmade products from soaps to hand-sewn face masks, bath bombs and earrings to dreamcatchers and tiedyed clothing. You'll find wooden wine racks, crocheted items, up-cycled items and a lot more. You can follow the action online through the Bridgman Open Air Market Facebook fan page as well as some of the vendor's Facebook postings.

That's it for this week. See you Saturday right here in MailMax!

Bridgman Open-Air Market every Sunday, it's time to make the trek to the waterfront community to check things out for yourself. When you do, you can thank Nick Schmidt, Juan Ganum and others for making the return of the market a reality. Schmidt was the one who took the idea to the City of Bridgman last year in a bid to bring back the farmers market. Now anchored in a new location and designed to help local small businesses and growers showcase their goods, the market takes place every Sunday from 9am until 3pm at the corner of Lake Street and Red Arrow Highway in the parking lot of Edgewater Bank. Bridgman City Manager Juan Ganum and the Bridgman City Commission provided support for the return of the farmers market and this year the vendors have grown the venture in a full parking lot. Each week vendors set up shop in pop up tents to the sounds of live music being performed on site where they proceed to sell a whole host of items ranging from locally grown fresh produce including mushrooms,

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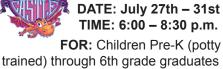
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While caring for your elderly moms and dads or other family members, it is easy to put aside caring for yourself. Many boomers have assumed the role of caregiver while often juggling work and raising children. Caring for a family member is a loving commitment and definitely a rewarding role in life.

As devoted sons and daughters, we readily step up to care for family members. During this journey you may often forget to take care of yourself. Caregivers often acquire poor eating habits, are sleep deprived, do not find time to exercise and at times do not keep up with their own medical appointments. Many caregivers experience occasional bouts of anger or frustration and then feel guilty for having these feelings. Try to find positive ways of coping with these difficult feelings, by talking with others who are caring for family members and facing the same challenges. Be kind and patient with yourself. In the long run, it is a benefit not only to you but to the person on the receiving end if you make the time to rejuvenate by enjoying your favorite hobbies, exercising and going on outings that truly make you happy.

When it comes to siblings sharing the care, it is important to understand that we are all in different places with our emotional growth and have different life pressures. Accepting your siblings for who they are is key. Not everyone thinks, feels or acts the same way, especially when a situation is emotionally charged. Try

to keep your own expectations in check, and strive to accept and work with your siblings' personalities and abilities. Communicate and support one another as much as possible to ensure this role of caring for parents is a fulfilling one which can ultimately bring siblings closer together.

Our gift as children and grandchildren is to accept our parents and grandparents individual method of traveling the course of aging and to take as much time out of our lives as we can to just be with them; to sit and listen to their stories, to share a meal and to give some extra hugs along the way. The growing sense of isolation and aloneness can be a frightening path. We can walk with them on this path with encouragement and love.

As you honor your mother, your father or other loved ones, remember they wish for you to be true to you, by taking good care of yourself. "To care for those who once cared for us

is one of the highest honors."

- Tia Walker, The Inspired Caregiver: Finding Joy While Caring for Those You Love



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I'm tellin' ya, there's so much to plagiari--- I mean, learn--from reading old Baseball Digests

(BBD)! Such as: Item: Last column,

I shared a couple new adjectives learned from an old BBD - "lush" and "oomphie," both meant to convey that someone is attractive. So far, I haven't gotten anyone to agree that I'm either.

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Item: A manager in the 1960s once described the bliss a manager feels when his team is on a winning streak: "You sleep better. Your steak tastes better. And your wife looks like Gina Lollobrigida." (Note: Are you too young to bring Gina Lollobrigida to mind? She was a movie star of the 1950s and 1960s, who could very accurately be described as "lush" AND "oomphie." She is still with us, at age 93! Let's hope she's still living a lush and oomphie life!)

Item: A player named Ernie Fazio was once asked about his decision to switch to a lighter baseball bat. He humbly replied, "Well, it's easier to carry back to the dugout when I strike out."

Item: Certain guys got quoted in BBD a lot, especially if they were good for a laugh. Guys like Casey Stengel.

Wacky and amusing pronouncements were routine for Stengel, who in the 1950s and 60s managed both the unbelievably successful New York Yankees and the unbelievably dismal New York Mets. He was famous for talking in a barely comprehensible, stream-of-consciousness fashion.

Hall-of-Famer Duke Snider was once asked what it was like to play for him: "I got to where I could understand him real well. This sort of worried me."

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Item: One day Stengel walked out to the pitcher's mound to replace his hurler. The guy protested, "But I'm not tired!" Stengel replied, "I know. But I'm tired of vou."

Item: The Beatles, my favorite rock-'n-roll band, were the subject of a BBD article in 1964. The author, Murray Robinson, was a reporter for the New York Journal-American. Murray comes across a newsman of the crusty, "things ain't what they used to be" type.

And if you think some of my column topics are wacky, how about Murray's Beatles idea?: A riff on an imaginary meeting between the Beatles and Casey Stengel. This was when the Mets franchise was still in its infancy, and the teams were gawwwwsh-awwwwful.

The lines he conjures for Stengel are joshing but benign. His references to the Beatles are a bit more dismissive, shall we say, such as, "The Beatles are the Mets of the tonsils racket."

Whaaaaat the ---?!? The best band EVER, compared to the worst baseball team EVER?!? He partly meant that both were super-popular; but he clearly also considered them popular in spite of being bad. He writes that the Beatles sing the way Stengel talks, "Swinging, but not clear." And he depcits the Fab Four conversing in gobbledygook like, "Ooby-dooby, yeah, yeah, yeah."

There was also this line: "(Stengel) is old and bald, but inside there's a hairy young Beatle rarin' to go." I don't think Murray was trying in any way to be inspirational. But I'm making it my new mantra! From now on, I'm keepin' the spirit of the hairy young Beatles inside me, rarin' to go! Yeah, yeah, yeah!

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· 3 BR. 3.5 bath. 4.656 sq. ft.. The Reserve at Knollwood · Gourmet island kitchen w/Ayres cabinets, Corian countertops · Main floor master suite w/shower, whirlpool tub, double vanity · Main floor laundry, finished LL walk out, water views Niles \$825.000. JL - (20024088)



- 4 BR. 3.5 bath, 2.925 sq. ft., Hidden Creek subdivision · Spacious kitchen w/granite counter tops Large master suite. 3-seasons room
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- π Custom built 4 BR. 2.5 bath. 3.511 sq. ft., private ravine lot · Great room opens into large kitchen w/breakfast area
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- · Back deck, pole barn, 2-car detached garage • Niles \$399,900, JV - (20024724)



- · 4 BR, 2 bath, 2,514 sq. ft., remodeled farmhous
- · Sits on 1.2 acres with barn, large deck Main floor master suite, expansive living & dining areas Main floor laundry, partially finished basement
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- · 3 BR. 2 bath. 1.886 sq. ft., one block from Silver Beach · Kitchen w/granite & Silestone, SS appliances
- Master suite w/2 walk-in closets, marble countertops, deck
- · Main floor laundry, fenced backyard, 2.5 car garage
- St. Joseph \$564.900, LP (20023556)



 5 BR, 2 bath 2,514 sq. ft., 5.4 acres in wine country · Updated 1920 farmhouse, hardwood floors throughout Kitchen w/granite counters. SS appls. main floor laundry Living & dining space with deck access, 2 barns, fenced yard Berrien Springs \$319,900. LP – (20028218)



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• 4 BR. 3 bath ranch. 2.875 sq. ft.

- Spacious kitchen w/plenty of counter space
- · Large living room w/fireplace, hardwood flooring · Finished walk-out LL w/family room, bedroom, full bath & kitchen
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• 3 BB 1.5 bath ranch 1.773 sq. ft

· Hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms, fireplace 3-seasons room, fenced backyard w/deck, swimming pool
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- 4 BR. 3 bath. 2.482 sq. ft., Lake Michigan views · Sable Shores end unit condo, kitchen w/black SS appls
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- · Huge main floor laundry room, wrap around porch,
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