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# Moody on The Market



# Moody

Primary election day just days away, and lots of people have been voting with their absentee ballots, but there's

another election currently underway that is very important to the winemakers of our region and the wineries they represent as part of the Lake Michigan Shore AVA across Michigan's Great Southwest - The USA Today 10Best Competition for the nation's favorite North American Wine Regions. Our Southwest Michigan region is one of 20 North American Wine Regions currently in the hunt for the 10Best at USA Today, and voting is still active. We are one of two Michigan wine regions in the hunt, with the other being the Old Mission Peninsula area near Traverse City. More than half — a total of 11 — of the regions are in California, with others competing from Texas, Virginia, Washington State, New York, Arizona, Oregon and Ontario. By going to the link shared here, you can cast your ballot from the pool of 20 nominees. You can vote once per day and the voting ends on Monday, August 12th at noon Eastern Time. You can read the official rules at the link as well. Here's where to go to cast your vote:

# www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-wine-region/.

There you will be invited to vote for your favorite North American wine region, as USA Today tells you, "Someday, we'll all be ready to pack our suitcases again and head out on our next adventures. In the meantime, we'll keep supporting the places that inspire us. While California undoubtedly produces excellent wine, it's got stiff competition these days. North America is home to more than 250 grape-growing regions. We asked a panel of wine industry experts to pick their favorite North American wine regions. Vote for your favorite out of this pool of 20 nominees once per day until voting ends on Monday, August 12 at noon ET." These are the wine regions under consideration: Valle de Guadalupe - Baja California...Walla Walla Valley - Washington... Finger Lakes - New York...Texas Hill Country -Texas...Temecula Valley - California...Monticello Virginia...Sonoma County - California...Old Mission Peninsula - Michigan...Lodi - California... Verde Valley - Arizona Anderson Valley -California...Napa Valley – California...Paso Robles California...Monterey County - California... Santa Barbara County - California...Willamette Valley - Oregon...Lake Michigan Shore

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Arthur **Havlicek,** President, SMR Chamber



# **Be Prepared for Compliance Inspections**

This week, the State of Michigan's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA) announced the launch of a new enforcement effort seeking to enhance compliance at business establishments around the state.

If you own or operate a public-facing business, this is something you'll want to be aware of.

The effort is called the State Emphasis Program (SEP) and focuses on businesses such as bars, restaurants, gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores, and other retail establishments.

# It works like this:

MIOSHA will conduct inspections, either by referral or randomly, at businesses in the aforemen-

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tioned categories. During these inspections, MIOSHA staff will evaluate the employer's compliance with existing MIOSHA standards, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Orders, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as they pertain to protecting workers

In addition to an evaluation, the staff will work to educate employees on best practices to ensure all workplaces remain safe. While inspections primarily seek to help employers comply with safety standards, citations and penalties up to \$7,000 may be issued if the inspections determine major deficiencies in the employer's COVID-19 preparedness and response plans.

That is a steep penalty for an already struggling business, and we at the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber want to ensure you have everything you need to be in compliance.

# A few of the steps and actions the state wants you to take include:

- Conducting daily health screenings of employees and contractors,
- Requiring employees and customers to wear face coverings properly,
- Considering changes to indoor ventilation to reduce transmission risk,
- Implementing enhanced cleaning protocols when employees or the public become sick,
- Posting required signs and notifying customers of their obligation to wear face coverings, if medically tolerated, and not entering if they feel sick,
- Maintaining compliance with social distancing and capacity limits of the establishment, and
- Ensuring that they have and use a preparedness and response plan.

Additional industry-specific guidance and resources can be found at Michigan.gov/covidwork-placesafety. These guidelines are constantly evolving so please take a moment to refresh yourself on the practices applicable to your industry.

If you still need a preparedness and response plan, we have customizable templates on our chamber's website: <a href="https://www.smrchamber.com/covid-19-resources/p-and-r-plan">www.smrchamber.com/covid-19-resources/p-and-r-plan</a>. These are templates that should be tailored to your particular risk level, implemented, and maintained.

If you need additional personal protection equipment (PPE), buy local! Berrien County businesses have stepped up to either produce or procure every type of PPE you need to keep your employees and customers safe. You can find a local list of resources at <a href="https://www.berrienreopens.org/ppe-resources">www.berrienreopens.org/ppe-resources</a>. If something you need isn't listed, contact us and we will track it down for you.

Finally, if there are any financial barriers preventing your business from keeping your employees, customers, and community safe, help is out there. The State of Michigan has launched Michigan COVID-19 Safety Grant Program which will provide small businesses matching funds – up to \$10,000 – for the purchase of safety-related equipment and training in response to COVID-19. The initial grant application window will be open from Monday, July 27 through Friday, August 7, 2020, with awards given shortly thereafter. To apply, visit: <a href="https://www.forms.leo.state.mi.us/miosha-covid-19-safety-grants/">www.forms.leo.state.mi.us/miosha-covid-19-safety-grants/</a>.

As always, our Chamber is standing by to help businesses navigate these uncertain waters. If you need help or have questions, do not hesitate to call us at 269-932-4042.

Together, we can stay safe, stay in compliance, and stay open.

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# Lee

# The Veterans Voice – Camp Lejeune CW (Part 1)

Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water (CLCW) claims have been filed for many decades. For a brief background, please visit www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/ lejeune/background.html.

In a nutshell, water from the Tarawa Terrace water treatment plant was primarily contaminated by PCE (perchloroethylene) and TCE (tetrachloroethylene). The source of the contamination were the waste disposal practices from the ABC One-Hour Cleaners, an off-base dry cleaning firm. U.S. Marine's at the Camp Lejeune Base in North Carolina discovered specific volatile organic compounds in the drinking water provided by two of the eight water treatment plants on base in 1982. In addition to PCE (a dry cleaning solvent) and TCE (a metal degreaser), benzene, vinvl chloride and more than 70 other chemicals were identified as contaminants at the Camp Lejeune Base. The last contaminated well was shut down in 1987. Any veterans who served a minimum of 30 (cumulative) days from August 1, 1953 thru December 31, 1987 are automatically eligible to enroll in the VA Health Benefits Program (no matter how much individual or joint annual income they earn). Also, if any veteran served for the minimum 30 (cumulative) days during that timeframe, they are eligible to file a claim if diagnosed with any of these current conditions: adult leukemia, aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Parkinson's disease (see VA News Release dated January 13, 2017 at www.va.gov/opa/ pressrel/includes/viewPDF.cfm?id=2853). Prior to the Camp Lejeune Presumptive List in 2017, a Veterans Today Journal article from July 3, 2014 (see www.veteranstodavarchives.com/2014/07/03/ camp-lejeune-disability-claims-denied

that more than 96.4% of the CLCW claims were denied by the VA. A documentary film was made in 2014 that makes the case that over one million individuals over a span of 30 years could be adversely affected by the CLCW. The movie is called, "Semper Fi, Always Faithful" and you can view a brief critique on YouTube at www.youtube. com/watch?v=-oihMK73zi0 and a trailer at www. youtube.com/watch?v=K6-k-CaMIOE.

Marine Corps Master Sargent Jerry Ensminger, who lost his nine year old daughter Janey to leukemia and his marriage, has led the charge against the CLCW for many years. He has testified about the struggles that veterans and family members stationed with veterans on base have suffered as a result from the CLCW. Any eligible veteran should join the CLCW Registry at www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune. Registries are helpful to veterans because if any new scientific studies come out or the VA decides to add presumptive conditions to the current list of eight, you will be notified of these changes and updates. Under extenuating circumstances, other causes of death can be linked to CLCW. We have filed CLCW claims using a study from www.atsdr.  $cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/qa\_\ healthstudy activities.html$ which compared individuals at Camp Pendleton to Camp Leieune and determined higher mortality rates for the causes of death for such cancers as the cervix, esophagus, lung, pancreas, prostate, rectum and soft tissue. These are all cancers not on the current eight presumptives list for CLCW claims.

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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The LORD said to Moses, "... I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

By Name

Exodus 33:17

In his novel, To the Last Man, Jeff Shaara paints a partic-

ular scene something like this: New York, 1919. The Great War is over. Roscoe lingers on the deck of the passenger ship. He watches as the other soldiers walk down the gangplank and into the arms of their families. Roscoe waits until he can no longer avoid it. He steps off the ship and descends to the dock. And there he stands. No one is there for him, and he knows it. He is alone. In a sea of people laughing, smiling, crying, Roscoe is alone. And then he hears his name.

At first, he thinks he's imagined it. But then he hears it again. He follows the voice. It belongs to the face of a smiling old man—a man he does not know. But then the smiling old man introduces himself, "I'm Gino's father. Gino told us all about you in his letters. Welcome home. Let's get something to eat." And in that moment, Roscoe experiences what is, perhaps, the greatest act of kindness in his life. The father of his dead friend wanted to make sure that Roscoe was not alone when he got back from the war. And so he had waited day after day until Roscoe finally arrived. And then the smiling old man had called out his name.

If you've ever experienced something even remotely similar to this, you don't forget it. You're in a strange place, surrounded by people, and don't know anyone. No one cares who you are. You feel lost, awkward, out of place, alone. And then you hear someone call you by name.

The Lord assured Moses, "I am pleased with you and I know you by name." As extraordinary a figure as Moses is, however, this privilege does not belong just to Moses. God, in Christ Jesus, has cleansed you of your sins by the blood of his Son. He has blanketed you with the holiness of Christ. And now, through faith in our risen Savior, he has adopted you into his family. You belong. You are his. He calls you by name.

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- 2 BR, 2 bath ranch, 1,170 sq. ft.
- New water heater, bath fixtures, freshly painted interior
   Updated kitchen includes ceramic floor, counters, appls
- Nooded lot w/updated landscaping, back patio VIKKI WADE WILL GREET YOU. \$208,900 (20026837)

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## (Bacon School Road to Right on Boardwalk to left on St. Charles Place)

- Custom built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 3,511 sq. ft., private ravine lot
- Great room opens into large kitchen w/breakfast area
   New roof, landscaping & other improvements throughout
- Finished basement, assoc, pool, clubhouse & other amenities
- PAT SMEDLEY WILL GREET YOU. \$389,900 (20021943)

## JUST LISTED!



- 2 BR, 2 bath, 1,411 sq. ft., close to Silver Beach Newly renovated kitchen w/granite countertops
- Spacious living room w/lots of natural light
- Screened in porch. 1-car detached garage
- St. Joseph \$375,000. DT (20029029

# **PRICE REDUCED!**



- 5 BR. 2 bath colonial, 2.979 sq. ft. home w/1 BR. 1 bath apt.
- New carpeting, new hardwood floors, freshly painted
- Kitchen w/lots of cabinet space, living room w/fireplace · LL w/large rec room & fireplace, 2-car attached garage
- Berrien Springs \$249,900. DJ (20025427)

# PRICE REDUCED!



- 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo overlooking Lake M
- Many updates throughout, like brand new
- Well maintained complex, heated pool • Deck with seating area, private assoc, beach
- Stevensville \$169,900. VW (20013259)

# PRICE REDUCED!



- 5 BR 4 bath rehabbed farmhouse 3 8 acres
- Spacious kitchen w/breakfast nook, hardwood flooring
- Third level option for guest quarters w/bath & kitchenette · Huge main floor laundry room, wrap around porch,
- Coloma \$825,000, MN (20019674)

## OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-3:00 PM



# (Glenlord west to Ridge Road to Sable Shores)

- 4 BR, 3 bath, 2,482 sq. ft., Lake Michigan views
- Sable Shores end unit condo, kitchen w/black SS appls
   Living room w/cathedral ceilings, 2-sided fireplace
- Association swimming pool, hot tub, beautifully landscaped JOY SCHWARTING WILL GREET YOU. \$524,900 (20023489)

# **OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:00 PM**



## ( Lake Blvd to west on Park St to left onto Lions Park Dr.)

- Steps to Lake MI beaches & downtown SJ
- Updated 4 BR, 4 bath, 3500 sq. ft.
- Gourmet kitchen w/granite & newer SS appls Living room w/fireplace, vaulted ceilings
- DAVID SHEPHERD WILL GREET YOU. \$799.888 (20008960)

## JUST LISTED!



- 4 BR, 1.5 bath, 1.600 sq. ft.
- Living room open to dining room w/fireplace
- Kitchen w/lots of cabinet space, main floor laundry
- Massive vard, backvard w/pond, pole barn
- Sawver \$259.900. JV (20029470)

# PRICE REDUCED!



- 6 BR. 4.5 bath. 4.060 sq. ft.. Wyndstone subdivision
- Kitchen w/SS appls & lots of cabinet space · Main floor master suite w/double vanity, main floor laundry
- Finished basement w/large rec room. BR & bath
- Stevensville \$424,900. MN (20025241)

# PRICE REDUCED!



- 3 BR, 4 bath, 2,548 sq. ft., ravine setting on 1.1 acres · Overlooking the Paw Paw River, 365' river frontage
- Main house w/hardwood floors, updated kitchen
- MIL suite, main floor laundry, walkout basement • Coloma \$339,500. JF - (20015101)

# **NEWLY LISTED!**



- . 5 BR. 4 full & 2 half baths, 4,975 sq. ft., on St. Joseph River
- · Custom built home, foyer w/spiral staircase, main floor master suite
- Vaulted living area w/fireplace, chef's kitchen, formal dining area · Back deck w/outdoor entertainment space, views of river & grounds
- Benton Harbor \$849,000, JS (20026921)

# **OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-3:00 PM**



- Finished basement, covered back deck, patio JOHN ZELVIS WILL GREET YOU. \$254,900 (20028534)



- 3 BR 2 hath ranch, 2.245 sq. ft., Trumpeter Bay
- Hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings throughout
- Kitchen w/SS appls, master suite w/tub & glass shower
- Living room w/fireplace, back deck overlooking wooded lot Benton Harbor \$234,900. LP – (20029796)

# JUST LISTED!



- 5 BR, 2 bath 2,080 sq. ft., 24.5 acres
- 1900's Farmhouse, home needs some TLC
- Kitchen w/lots of storage space
- Spacious living room, back deck, porch Bridgman \$328,000. MC – (20029304)

# **PRICE REDUCED!**



- 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 backvard, 2.5 car garage
- St. Joseph \$549,900. LP (20023556)



- 4 BR, 3 full bath, 4,376 sq. ft., 23.5 acres
- · Open concept, kitchen w/center island, wine cellar
- Main floor master suite, hardwood floors throughout Beautiful surroundings, stocked pond, huge pole barn
- Baroda \$724,900. JF (20007887)

# **NEWLY LISTED!**



- 4 BR. 2 bath farmhouse, 2.104 sq. ft., 1.8 acres
- · Open concept, kitchen w/lots of cabinet space
- · Hardwood floors, full basement, root cellar with walk out • Wooded level land w/trails, 2-car attached garage
- Watervliet \$149,900. AK (20026259)

# **OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-3:00 PM**



## th on Gast past Lake Street. Turn right onto Stelter Farms Drive)

- 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 4,208 sq. ft., Stelter Farms
- Living room & study w/double fireplace
   Kitchen w/breakfast bar, main floor laundry
   Partially finished basement, huge yard w/back deck
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- · 4 BR, 3 bath 2,275 sq. ft., 7 acres
- Spacious living room, main floor laundry
- Main floor master suite, finished basement, horse stalls
- Separated pastures, havfield, heated & insulated pole barn • Eau Claire \$249,000. VZ - (20029613)

## PRICE REDUCED!



- 5 BR, 3.5 bath, 2,763 sq. ft., Harbor Shores
- Views of HS Golf Course & Paw Paw River
- Gourmet kitchen custom cabinets, granite island Main floor master suite, living room w/fireplace
- St. Joseph \$899,000. DJ (20003590)



- 4 BB 2.5 bath historical brick home 3.390 sq. ft
- · Many upgrades, new HVAC, new back deck
- . Spacious rooms, beautiful hardwood floors
- · Partially finished walk-out basement • Buchanan \$225,000. MC - (20019325)



- · 4 BR. 4.5 baths. 5191 sq. ft., finished basement
- · Exquisite home with deeded Lake MI access
- Top of the line Chef's kitchen w/granite & SS appls
- · 2-story great room w/fireplace, main floor master suite • St Joseph \$785.000. ML - (19008825)

# **NEWLY LISTED!**



- 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)

# **OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-3:00 PM**

- 3 BR, 2.5 bath, 2,562 sq. ft, beautiful ravine setting
- Living room w/wood burning fireplace, modern kitchen
   Large master suite w/glass shower & jetted tub
- Finished basement, back deck w/hot tub, many updates ERIC SHAW WILL GREET YOU. \$310,000 (20029814)

# JUST LISTED!



- 3 BR, 3 bath, 2,290 sq. ft., St. Joe Riverfront
- Newly remodeled kitchen w/SS appls, guartz countertops
- Master suite w/upgraded bath, walk-in shower & soaking tub
- Beautifully landscaped, concrete sea wall w/hanging deck St. Joseph \$395.000. JS – (20028668)

# **PRICE REDUCED!**



- 5 BR, 2.5 bath, 3,548 sq. ft. Large eat-in kitchen, formal dining room
- Living room w/fireplace, fenced backyard w/deck
- Finished basement w/family room & 2 additional rooms Niles \$215.000, MC – (20027693)



- 4 BR, 2 bath, 1,598 sq. ft.
- Great home or commercial property
- Refinished hardwood floors, spacious kitchen Attached 1-car garage, pole barn
- St. Joseph \$169,900. AK (20020813)

# PRICE REDUCED!



- 2 BR, 1 bath, 941 sq. ft., close to Lake MI beaches
- Completely remodeled, hardwood flooring throughout Kitchen w/lots of counter & cabinet space Ceramic tile floor in bath w/granite countertop
   Coloma \$125,000. NS – (20024342)

# **DEEDED RIVER ACCESS!**



- 4 BR. 3.5 bath . 3.075 sq. ft., extra large garage
- · Green built living space, open floor plan
- Kitchen w/SS Whirlpool appls, stone countertops
   Fully finished LL, deeded access to Paw Paw River

- Wateryliet \$299.900, WD (20021857)

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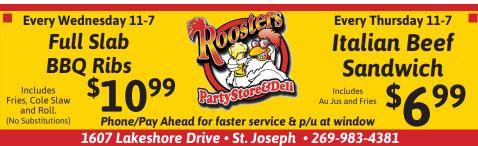
Lots of people recently got the answer to a question that has been bubbling for several weeks now. Is the Big Boy Restaurant on Red Arrow Highway in Stevensville closed for good? The

answer is, unless somebody steps up to buy it from the corporate offices and keep it as a Big Boy, the restaurant may well be closed for good, ending a 42-year run at that location. Former owner David Hunt, who sold the restaurant to Big Boy Corporate on August 15th last year, says he owned it for 20 years, but has begun to "unwind my 52-year Big Boy career and ease into retirement." He still contin-

Johns, Mason and Essexville — all in Michigan. He tells me, "They are closer to my home in the Lansing area, and I have re-opened all of them for full service at 50-percent capacity (as restricted by gubernatorial order) with the resulting revenue drops not making it easy." Hunt's former business partner, Brian Smith, still operates the Big Boy restaurants in South Haven and Wayland, and Hunt believes that some of the Stevensville employees will be working with Smith in South Haven. When I gueried him about the closure in Stevensville, Hunt said, "I was disappointed to hear that due to the pandemic, Big Boy has decided not to re-open the Stevensville location. I was sent a picture today of a For Sale or Lease sign in front of the restaurant." He adds, "I'm sure Big Boy would love to have anybody interested in keeping the Big Boy alive in Stevensville to contact them." The Big Boy fran-

ues to operate three other Big Boy restaurants in St. chise opened in Stevensville 42 years ago in 1978, and was a fixture there for those 42 years. Hunt says, When I think of all the wonderful customers who supported us over the years, and the number of jobs we created, it puts a smile on my face, while I'm saddened to think that Big Boy won't be there to greet our loyal guests and welcome them into Michigan." Big Boy is now owned by Big Boy Restaurant Group, LLC and is headquartered in Southfield, MI. The Big Boy Food Group, which manufactures all of the restaurant's signature dressings, sauces, soups, and ice cream is still located in Warren, Michigan. David says he will always love Southwest Michigan, concluding, "It truly is a special place, and I will continue to support all the many friends and business owners in the area." The sign placed in the lawn at the restaurant says that anyone interested in purchasing or leasing the building can call Thomas Huesser at 856-341-3592. That's the area code for Camden, New Jersey and surrounding area.

> When Anjana Gupta was just five years old, she told her mother that she was going to be a dentist. Talk about destiny. Saying, "I was born to do this, and I am thankful every day that I get to do a job that I love," Dr. Anjana Gupta is now fulfilling her lifelong dream of owning her own dental practice, as she takes the reins from Dr. Lisa McShane who is retiring on August 1st after 30 years of providing dental care to the community of Michigan's Great Southwest. McShane, who bought the practice with her husband Jim Tarantino from Dr. John Duda in 2007, is calling it a career soon with plans to enjoy the rest of the summer in Northern Michigan and, she writes, "hopefully next winter in Atlanta, Georgia." In a letter telling her patients of the impending retirement, Dr. McShane writes, "Congratulations to Dr. Anjana Gupta on acquiring the best dental practice in Berrien County. Dr. Gupta has worked extremely hard in establishing herself in our area and in this office over the past





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nine year, most recently answering emergency phone calls and seeing emergency patients during the Covid-19 quarantine." She adds, "Dr. Gupta, along with Dawn and Corin, risked exposure daily to keep our patients free from pain until we could open for business 'as usual' once again." Dr. Gupta is originally from Elkhart, and graduated undergrad from Indiana University in 2003, then went on to the Indiana University School of Dentistry from which she graduated in 2007. Reflecting back on her time, Dr. Gupta says, "It's hard to believe I have been practicing for 13 years now. I feel like I am in the sweet spot in my career, old enough to be seasoned and young enough to get after it." She adds, "I got married to my incredibly supportive husband, Seth, in 2017 and we had our first child, Alice, in May 0f 2019. She is, of course, now, the love of my life. I never thought dentistry would be #2 in my life, but that is okay, because she is the best! It has given me a new perspective on life, learning that work-life balance as a working mom, and feeling grateful is an understatement." As she preps for and watches the departure of Dr. McShane, Anjana says, "Lisa was not just my business partner and senior dentist; she is one of my best friends. She has been my mentor, my friend, my confidant, and the best 'aunt' that Alice could ever ask for." Dr. Gupta joined the practice part-time in 2011, and quickly became a daily fixture in the busy office. The two

became business partners in 2017. As Dr. Gupta

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Wed & Sat 9:30AM-5:00PM Thurs & Fri 9:30AM-7:00 PM says, "When I moved to St. Joe, I fell in love with the office, the staff, the patients, and the community. It was an easy decision for me and my husband to settle down here, call this place our home, and raise our children here." Regarding the long-running practice, Anjana says, "Lisa built a beautiful practice with an incredible staff and wonderful patients. I feel lucky that I get to inherit it all! Even though Lisa will be traveling up north and to Atlanta in her retirement, I know we'll still get to meet up for dinner at our favorite spots and talk shop and life. Her advice over the last 10 years has been a blessing and I will treasure it forever. She will be missed! But I couldn't be more excited for the future of the practice, which will eventually be known by the community as 'Smiles on Niles!" As Dr. McShane closes out her stellar career, she tells patients in her dispatch, "No need to worry, all your favorite dental professionals will continue to provide the absolute best in dental health care that you have come to expect from us. I was truly blessed to have worked with these exceptional women (and many others over the years) during my career. They were not only my staff or co-workers, they are my best friends. I know I am leaving you in the most capable of hands." The dental office for Dr. Gupta and her team is located at 2800 Niles Road in St. Joseph and can be reached by phone at 429-2511.

The family of Gina Iannelli in Southwest Michigan reports that she was diagnosed with bul-

**Owner** 

bar onset ALS last October. As some may already know, bulbar onset is the fastest progressing form of ALS, and sadly at the moment, there are no drugs to stop the progression of the fatal disease, only those that slow it or lessen the symptoms. That is why family members are holding out hope for the drug Prosetin. It is the only drug that has the capability of crossing the blood/brain barrier to stop further damage to motor neurons. Prosetin was developed at Columbia University and needs to get to clinical trials. Understandably, in light of the Covid pandemic, drug companies are putting all of their energy to find a vaccine for that and not a cure for ALS. That is why Gina's sister, Diane Iannelli established a fundraising page to help raise money to get Prosetin to clinical trials. Those who would like to read more about Prosetin and Project ALS can visit online at Prosetin.org. To visit Diane's fundraising page, click this link: www.fundraise.projectals.org/team/302107 They are operating as Team G and earlier this week had already raised \$7,700.00. Gina was raised in Benton Harbor, graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic in 1973 and still has many friends in the area. Diane says, "Their support for her would be a blessing, as her time is ticking away. Anyone willing to help or able to provide other contacts or resources

would be greatly appreciated by the Iannelli family.

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Pandemic or not, Southwestern Michigan Real Estate Broker Tim O'Leary is one busy man. This spring he relocated his office to the **Southtown** neighborhood of St. Joseph, now anchored at 2614 Niles Avenue in the former long time home of The Diet Center. In addition to his Broker role, O'Leary is also a licensed builder with an MBA and his PhD who is an active volunteer with Hospice and serves as a Reserve Police Officer with the Lincoln Township Police Department. When O'Leary relocated to Niles Avenue this year, he wanted to offer people across Michigan's Great Southwest an opportunity to learn how to get started in real estate investing. In fact, he started buying houses himself when he was teaching at the University of Notre Dame as an instructor in "Principles of Management." O'Leary's firm, Tim O'Leary Property Group, specializes in residential and investment properties. His holdings include numerous other real estate investment companies including Michigan Lake & Land, LLC, which is a full-service Brokerage & Property Management business. O'Leary offers a broad range of service from real estate brokerage to property management and from maintenance to construction in the region. He says, "Whether you want to sell your home, buy your next house, are looking for a rental or just someone to manage your properties, we do it all in one location," and adds, "We even work with numerous experienced investors to help them sell or locate new properties and show new people how to get started buying their first rental or flip project." During his tenure over several years at Notre Dame, O'Leary learned how to diversify his own portfolio from some of his guest speakers and proceeded to purchase rehab and rent out nearly 40 investment properties in Southwest Michigan. Tim also holds an

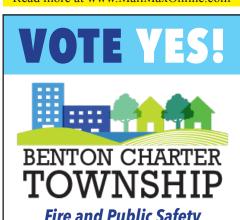
Accredited Buyer's Representative designation and is certified as a Pricing Strategy Advisor, a Resort & Second Home Specialist and a Military Relocation Professional. He and his wife have lived in the St Joseph area for more than 20 years. You can reach Tim by phone at 269-313-2330 or click this link for his website to learn more at:

## www.TimOLearyPropertyGroup.com.

That's it for this week, folks. Have a great week and we'll see you Saturday right here in MailMax and 24/7 online at www.MoodyOnTheMarket.com

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# Dave

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Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan. About eight months ago she gave birth to our second child, and now she would like to have a mommy makeover. I want her to be comfortable and feel good about herself, but those procedures can be really expensive. I don't know how to fit that in with trying to pay off debt and get control of our money. What do you think?

Greg

Dear Greg,

Basically, this kind of cosmetic surgery isn't an emergency. It's a desire. It can, in many cases, be a valid and reasonable desire. But if you guys are serious about getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances, I'd advise waiting until after Baby Step 3 to make this happen. At that point, you'll have paid off all your debt—except for your home—and you'll have a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in the bank.

Going on vacation isn't a need, it's a want. Buying a new couch isn't a need, it's a

want. I know you love your wife, and you want her to be happy and feel good about herself. But right now, this is a want. If it were a medical procedure required to save her life, it would be an emergency—a need. In a case like that, you'd stop what you're doing right now and address the issue.

This may be something you both agree is a valid expense. If it's something you've talked through together, and something you both want, that's fine. It's a reasonable goal under the circumstances. But I would wait until after you're out of debt *and* you have your emergency fund in place. Being out of debt will make it so much easier to save up and take care of any out-of-pocket expenses you might have to pay.

All in all, it's money well spent to help your wife look and feel like herself again. Just do it at the proper time where your finances are concerned!

-Dave

\*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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# **Chest Thumping Over Baseball – Oomphie!**



reader who isn't totally digging these kinda-sorta-baseball-columns. However, you're vastly outnumbered by the readers who have e-mailed me to say

they're enjoying them. Yep, both of 'em.

I'll share that reader input this week (sorry. readers, for exposing that you read these dopey columns, thus calling your mental stability into question).

Item: Due to editorial deadlines, I write this on the day of the first Chicago Cubs game that counts in the weird, odd and peculiar 60-game season Major League Baseball has decided to pursue.

I mention this because reader Dave Kortebein shared that he especially enjoyed my mentions of Cub legend Ernie Banks a couple weeks back. And he shared a photo of a gift his kids got him last Christmas - a sharp-looking Ernie Banks jersey. Which I hope you're wearing today Dave!! - I've got mine on!!

Item: Reader Jim Temple responded to my request for advice on whether "lush" and "oomphie" were still acceptable ways to describe someone as physically attractive. Jim sayeth no, don't try it. I wonder if he gave them a test run on someone he finds attractive, like I did with the wife. Unfortunately, I didn't use them to describe her; I was commenting about ESPN baseball analyst Jessica Mendoza. (Did you know that when you get a thump to the chestal/upper tummy area, you expel a gush of lush air that sounds like "oomphie!"?)

Item: Jim also told a story that tied into my binge-reading of old Baseball Digests (BBD). He

I apologize to any says his family moved from California to Cleveland in 1956 and they developed a rooting interest in the Cleveland Indians.

> At that time, Jim's younger sister was wait!, I won't give too many clues to her age, because she might not like that, and if we ever meet, she might give me a thump to the chestal/ upper tummy area! Let's say she was in a stage of life where celebrity crushes are pretty common. (Oy, I just realized -- I must still be in that stage concerning Jessica Mendoza?)

> Anyway, Jim's sister was "enchanted" with Cleveland's "tall, dark and handsome Rocky Colavito." I LOL'd when I read that! Because BBD had a thing for Rocky too! For one thing, Rocky was a home run hitter, and home runs got you ink. He also was genuinely lush and oomph---I mean, tall, dark and handsome. BBD frequently ran stories about him, when he was going good, when he was slumping, when he was traded. And I kid you not, every article referred to his

> In the late 1950s, Rocky had some good years in Cleveland, and game attendance rose. And the BBD articles said a significant number of the "new" fans were females who came to swoon over Rocco (Jim's sister maybe?). When he was traded to Detroit around 1960, multiple BBD articles mentioned Cleveland's furious female fandom (Jim's sister maybe?).

> I have some Rocky Colavito baseball cards collected in my youth, including a 1957 Topps card, which would've been right when Jim's sister was in her celebrity crush stage. I'm considering offering it to her, in a trade. All I want back is a vest or garment guaranteed to soften a thump to the chestal/upper tummy area.

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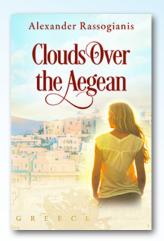
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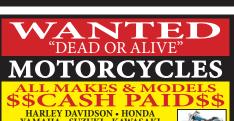
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