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While *last* Saturday was Small Business Saturday...the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber wants everyone to

consider it more of a start to a full-tilt Small Business Season across Michigan's Great Southwest. Arthur Havlicek, President & CEO at the SW Michigan Regional Chamber is essentially reprising and expanding upon the brilliant launch his team produced at the beginning of the current pandemic when they created the wildly popular Facebook presence called Buy Local Berrien!, which now boasts more than 10,300 active followers. The vast majority of the entries submitted to that site were targeted at restaurants, diners, bars, and similar places of business that had been closed down by the state's mandated Stay Home, Stay Safe measures implemented at that time. Havlicek tells us, "Our Buy Local Berrien! Facebook group stepped in at the start of the first shutdown to make shopping local a community-wide priority," and adds, "It's been a great success, but our business community now faces an even bigger threat than when it started. A recent survey conducted by American Express found that 62-percent of U.S. small businesses need to see consumer spending return to pre-coronavirus levels by the end of 2020 just to stay in business." The Chamber leader says, "That's why we have decided to launch the first ever Buy Local Berrien - Holiday Gift Guide. With businesses shut down again and the holiday gifting season upon us, we are once again calling our community to collective action." As you head out this holiday season, Havlicek says, "We ask that you shop small to find that unique and special gift this holiday season. In fact, order local take-out and purchase a local product, service, or gift certificate as often as you can." He reminds us all, "Remember, for every dollar spent locally, 68-cents stays in your community. This creates local jobs and supports local causes. It puts food on a family's table and helps send a student to college. It keeps someone's business open and their American Dream alive." The Chamber's new Buy Local Berrien Holiday Gift Guide affords local business enterprises of all types the opportunity to add their information regarding offers to residents who would like to support local small businesses when shopping this Christmas through a host of identifying symbols that, at a glance, can tell you who such amenities as: Offers Indoor...Offers Curbside... Offers Local Delivery...Offers Online Ordering...Offers Gift Cards...Offers Shipping...Offers Shopping By Appointment...Is a Chamber Member. The guide offers a great way to get the word out regarding businesses that have all types of offers, even helping categorize for

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With less than 30 days left of 2020, many of us have began the process of pausing to reflect on where this rollercoaster of a year that was anything but perfect vision has taken us. We've also begun looking ahead to what 2021 might bring and begun planning different options as to how we will tackle it.

One of the many things being planned with multiple options happens to be the 2021 Business Recognition Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony a joint event with the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, Cornerstone Alliance, and the Women's Business Center at

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Cornerstone Alliance. We are beyond excited to honor and celebrate businesses and individuals who have not only survived, but also made adjustments that allowed them and others around them to succeed this year.

Through Friday, December 11th, you can nominate your favorite businesses, non-profit, leaders, and young professionals in multiple categories including: Economic Impact, Small Business of the Year, Non-Profit Excellence, Rising Star – formerly the Young Business Leader of the Year Award, and The Pat Moody Award.

Additionally, for 2021 we wanted to celebrate businesses that jumped in when called to assist during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that being said, we're excited to announce that the Chamber will also be awarding a series of **Pandemic Excellence Awards** that specifically recognize businesses and organizations that have gone above and beyond during the pandemic in a multitude of ways.

The 2021 Pandemic Excellence Awards are:

• **Community Guardian Award** – recognizes & honors a health-related organizations, agencies, or entities who provided front-line medical response that helped curb the spread of COVID-19.

• **Community Hero Award** – recognizes & honors a business, organization, or entity that produced, procured, or provided PPE for the local community.

• Excellence in Pandemic Reporting Award – recognizes & honors a local media

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 Award – recognizes & honors a business, organizations, or entity that pivoted its business model, products, services, or delivery systems in response and adaptation to the pandemic.

• Excellence in Pandemic Lending Award – recognizes & honors a financial institution that provided exceptional customer service to the Southwest Michigan business community during the pandemic, specifically in providing support in the processing, approving, and lending of the Payroll Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

Criteria for each award, and the nomination submission form can be found online at our website <u>www.smrchamber.com</u>. Nominations can be submitted by anyone; however, nominees must be members in good standing with the Chamber in order to be eligible for recognition.

Full details regarding the 2021 Business Recognition Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date.

To learn more about this event, the Chamber, find current members, view additional events, or to learn about member benefits visit our website <u>smrchamber.com</u>. You can also reach me at <u>sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com</u> or call my direct line at 269-932-4040 if you'd like to chat. We look forward to seeing and connecting with you soon!

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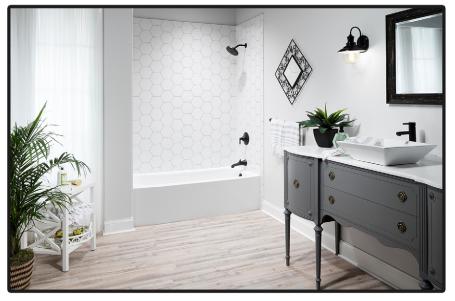
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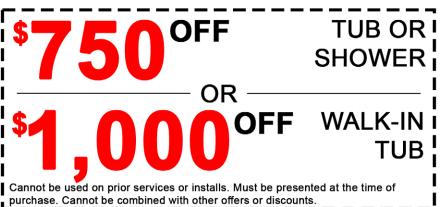
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Boy Oh Boyd! Prize-Winning Trivia! Stuart my parents put vast amounts of money in the pockets of the newspaper industry. On Sundays in particular, we'd get the Gary (Ind.) Post-Tribune and the

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Hammond (Ind.) Times delivered to our door, dad would walk to the store to buy the Chicago (Ill.) Tribune, and the next day, we'd get the Indianapolis (Ind.)* Star in the mail.

* When writing the names of large, widely known cities, you don't have to specify the state! But I did it anyway, to meet MailMax's word count!)

My siblings and I were never subjected to quizzes by mom and dad on what we learned from all those papers. I think they wanted to spare themselves from five different interpretations of that day's "Peanuts" comic strip.

(Although now that I think about it, a little news quiz competition in our house might've been fun - and we could've had some little reward at stake for winning, say, the "Stu-litzer Prize.")

Now that I think about it even further, I might've been able to corral that prize on a regular basis, as long as the topics in question revolved around trivia. Because my favorite thing to read - once I reached the age where "Peanuts" wasn't my favorite thing to read - was a column by a guy named L.M. Boyd.

Boyd's column was a random collection of miscellany, trivia, and amusing facts. It had a grip on my imagination that I can still palpably recall to this day I still have newsprint-ink stains on my imagination – I'm tellin' ya, that grip was tight! I would read his column and then sit and

wonder, "How does he learn all this stuff?" (I

When I was a kid, found out just today that Boyd once described his technique as "the same one a pig uses hunting truffles." Whatever that means.) "What does 'L. M.' stand for?" (I found out just today - Louis Malcolm.) "Could I ever earn boodles of moolah doing what he does?" (I found out just today according to Farrell and Head at MailMax, the answer is "Bwah-hahahahaha, no way.")

Incidentally, one reminiscence I read of Boyd included a comment from a physics professor at Cal-Berkeley, who said Boyd's column was "interesting, and accurate." Followed immediately by a comment from a guy who edited Boyd's column for many years, who said Boyd "wasn't always accurate." There's something disconcerting here; if accuracy is important in a trivia column, are Head and Farrell scoffing at me earning boodles of L. M. Boyd-like moolah because they think I'm inaccurate?!?!

Well, try this on for size! Here's an L. M. Boyd-like tidbit - the trivial fact that actually spurred this entire column in the first place: I just saw a TV commercial for some men's grooming product featuring Brett Favre, the ex-NFL quarterback. At the beginning of the spot, Favre looks like Kris Kristofferson! I half expected ol' Brett to start crooning "Help Me Make It Through the Night"! But amazingly, after using the product, Bret looks exactly like L.M. Boyd!

Just as L. M. Boyd did during his column-writing career, I had this item fact-checked by my wife, who verified that it proves that I watch waaaaay too much TV. But she did concede it was the kind of observation deserving of a reward; unfortunately, it's the "Stupid-litzer Prize."

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The Chamber policy on the listing says: To include as many local businesses as possible, each business is only listed under one category, but they may offer items that fit under multiple categories. For the Food & Bev Gifts, we ask that only establishments that offer gift cards or packaged goods that can be given as gifts submit their information. To get the information out on the list for your place of business, click this link which will direct you to the form to fill out in order to put your offer out to the public: www.sites.google.com/view/holiday-gift-guide.holiday-gift-guide.

In a very similar veing, citing the industry's hard work over the past eight months working diligently to meet safety guidelines, the Michigan Retailers Association is joining the call for Michigan residents to shop locally this holiday season with a new campaign they are calling the Shop 3 Challenge. That campaign asks everyone to add at least three local merchants to their list of shopping destinations this year. Willam Hallan, President and CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association, says, "Michigan retailers have worked very hard over the last eight months to meet safety guidelines enacted by state and local health officials to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and the data shows that contracting the virus in a retail environment remains very low thanks to their efforts." He adds, "This holiday season, we are asking all Michiganders to make a deliberate effort to make purchases from at least three local retailers."

An MRA-commissioned study shows that **Michiganders** annually spend \$18.5 billion online and outside of Michigan. Hallan says, "Keeping local businesses alive is critical to Michigan's economy. Of all the years to keep your dollars in Michigan, this is the year to do it." He adds, "Many of these business owners are barely making ends meet. They need your support now more than ever." Recognizing that the 30-percent

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capacity limitation mandated by the Governor's recent guidelines may deter consumers from visiting brick and mortar locations, Hallan is encouraging consumers to investigate if stores are offering curbside pickup or online shopping. You can find that information here in Michigan's Great Southwest by checking the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber's database. Hallan reports, 'Many small mom and pop shops have added new shopping options like an e-commerce platform, curbside pickup, and home delivery in addition to in-store shopping." With retail sales rebounding strongly due to continued consumer resilience, the National Retail Federation earlier forecasted that holiday sales during November and December will increase between 3.6-percent and 5.2-percent over 2019 to a total between \$755.3 billion and \$766.7 billion. As the MRA reported early this fall. 49-percent of retailers were cautiously optimistic in believing their sales will continue to rise through December; however, half believed that sales would continue to remain the same or decline. Hallan suggests, "Based on the increased sales activity we saw this fall, we believe that Michiganders will do more to help local stores everywhere to stay open." The Michigan Retailers Association represents more than 5,000 member businesses and their 15,000 stores and websites. MRA has been a trusted business resource for 80 years and provides cost-saving membership services, such as expert credit card processing, business and personal insurances, legislative advocacy, college scholarships and discounts on shipping, to all types of businesses. It created the Buy Nearby campaign in 2013 to benefit local retailers, their communities and Michigan's economy.

Sometimes, even in pandemic conditions, all of the pieces of a puzzle can fall into place, making way for progress, transition and success. Such is the case for **Kelly Pline of St. Joseph** who found herself this past summer out a job due to the coronavirus pandemic at virtually the same time that **Susan Mason** was searching for a new owner of the women's boutique located at **318 State Street** in the heart of downtown St. Joseph. Susan was headed into retirement, and Kelly says that



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following the loss of her job, fate stepped in because, "I always wanted to do something like this and the previous owner of the location was retiring, so it all fell into place.

As a result, the former Friends by Design location is now home to Maxwell Boutique, a new women's clothing boutique carrying styles in sizes from XS-to-XL and 0-to-12. Kelly also carries handbags, jewelry and accessories. She characterizes her style line as "Casually Chic." By way of example she offers "distressed ieans with a feminine blouse or skirt with a graphic tee knotted on the side." Essentially, its clothing that can take you from the soccer fields to date night, to work, or even drinks with friends. Kelly and her husband moved to St. Joseph 14 years ago for Whirlpool and they have three sons, the youngest of which is named Maxwell, "hence the name, because I really like the masculine name for a women's store and I think it is very on trend." Kelly is sole owner of the new Maxwell Boutique, which opened at mid-week several weeks ago and has been welcomed with open arms already by eager shoppers. The shop, at 318 State Street is right next to Jimmy Johns in the former Friends by Design location in the St. Joseph central business district. You can find Kelly and her shop online through this link: www.facebook.com/maxwellboutiquefb You can also find her on Instagram at: maxwellboutiqueinsta. Maxwell Boutique's Winter Hours are as follows: Sunday - 12-4pm... Monday - closed... Tuesday - closed...Wednesday - 10-5pm...Thursday - 10-5pm...Friday 10-5pm...and Saturday 10-5pm.

With October's closure of the Hard Rock Cafe at Four Winds New Buffalo, the way has been paved for the recent opening of the new Kankakee Grille in that space. The much-anticipated restaurant opened the doors at noon on Friday, November 20th at Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds Casinos have made the announcement that the Kankakee Grille would be opening that day, and will feature "a diverse menu of comfort food with a modern twist including hearth baked pizzas, soups and salads, and hometown favorites along with craft beers and specialty cocktails." The Kankakee Live stage will offer a variety of live music and entertainment, with the full schedule available on the Four Winds Casinos website. The Kankakee Grille also features comfortable outdoor seating as well as access to the Four Winds New Buffalo pool bar. It is in the same space that was home to the Hard Rock Cafe. which closed in October. Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos, tells us, "The Kankakee Grille has been a favorite destination among guests at Four Winds South Bend since the property opened in 2018, and we are thrilled to bring it to New Buffalo," adding, "Our team has once again done an exceptional job in creating an original dining experience that is unique to Four Winds." Matthew Wesaw, Tribal Council Chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority, adds, "Since Four Winds New Buffalo opened 13 years ago, we have continually strived to exceed the expectations of our guests. The Pokagon Band is very proud of the work by our Casino Operations Team to develop and establish the Kankakee Grille. We have no doubt it will be well received by our guests that visit Four Winds New Buffalo." The Kankakee Grille New Buffalo will be open weekly from Sunday through Thursday from noon - 9 pm, with the bar open until 10 pm and on Fridays and Saturdays from noon -10 pm, with the bar open until 11 pm. More information is available at this link: www.fourwindscasino.com/newbuffalo/dining/kankakee-grille-nb

Focused on St. Joseph and its surrounding communities in Michigan's Great Southwest for more than two decades. Judy Bibbings has taken her Bibbings Property Group to the halls of eXp Realty, which she says is the largest residential real estate brokerage by geography in North America. Bibbings has been in the trade for 21 years, and has earned titles of GRI, which is an additional 40 hours of training, CRS and ABR. She has also earned Gold Club Life Membership, Silver, Gold, Platinum awards, and the Diamond award 2014-2019 within the Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors. Bibbings is a former topranked Keller Williams Realty Owner/Investor/ Agent and together with her team received recognition as the No. 9 real estate team in GCI dollar volume and

number of closed transactions in both 2017 and 2019 in the Michigan/Northern Ohio Region for Keller Williams Realty. Additionally, they have been cited as one of the BEST Real Estate Teams in Michigan 2020 by Real Trends Magazine in July of 2020. Bibbings says "These past months with COVID-19, many businesses are turning to home offices, so this cloud based, agent owned real estate company was a perfect fit. We are excited to be a part of the technology-rich eXp Realty which focuses on innovative virtual technology supporting us to deliver valuable resources to better serve our past and future buyers and sellers." The team at eXp Realty is one of the fastest growing real estate brokerage firms in North America with more than 31,000. Judy Bibbings is the Bibbings Property Group owner, which consists of Jenn VanDeventer, Realtor and Buyer Specialist, Mike VanDeventer, Realtor, and Debbie Smidler. Realtor and Client Care Specialist. They work diligently to live up to their statement of "when you work with us you get 'Experience you Expect with Realtors you Trust.' Judy and her team of licensed real estate professionals can be found online at: www.BibbingsPropertyGroup.com

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Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ~ Isaiah 55:7

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doesn't usually work that way. Things break. We fix them. Then they break again. Eventually, we buy a new one. Even when companies provide a lifetime warranty on their products, there's normally a catch. The fine print neatly hides the limits involved.

Do God's promises come with fine print, with strings attached? Sadly, many people believe that because there are many who teach that. Their shtick normally goes a little bit like this: "God is a loving God who wants to forgive you. All you have to do is ... (fill in the blank)." In other words, they suggest that God's forgiveness involves some fine print. There are strings attached.

But that's simply not true. God doesn't base his forgiveness on what we do or don't do. His forgiveness is not remotely tied to us being a certain way or achieving a certain standard. If that were true, how could we ever know whether God really forgives us, whether we've cleared the bar?

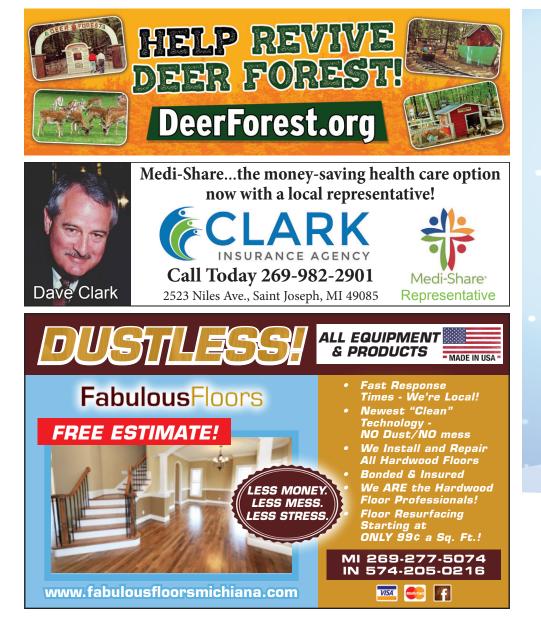
The Bible assures us that, in Jesus, God has forgiven the sins of the world. John the Baptist once pointed to Christ and said.

It would be nice to know that once "Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the something is fixed, it's fixed forever. But it sin of the world" (John 1:29), and the apostle John of him, "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). That means you. In Christ Jesus, God forgives you of every sin. Believe it. It's true.

> And that's why, through his prophet Isaiah, the Lord urges us to forsake our evil ways and turn to him. Not because he will then forgive us. He already has! He wants us to know with certainty that "he will have mercy on (us) . . . for he will freely pardon." That's no limited, lifetime guarantee. That's an everlasting warranty, purchased "with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:19). God's forgiveness is waiting for you!

> Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me confidence that, though I am sinful, you freely forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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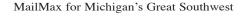


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Dave

Dave Says Making a your finances first create a work out exact work out exact will barely w

One of my resolutions this year was to

start living on a budget, and gain control of my money. I never realized how easy it would be to get discouraged early on. Can you give me some encouragement to help make my financial resolutions stick in 2021?

Collin

Dear Collin,

The secret to making a goal into a reality is getting started. It's really that simple. You also have to be realistic and accept the fact that nothing-especially things you've never done before-works out perfectly the first time around. That leads to the next step, which is patience. Most people think about losing 20 pounds, and immediately feel it needs to happen in the next month or so. It doesn't. And mostly likely, it won't. Like almost everything else worth doing, it's something that requires sacrifice and focus each day over an extended period of time. Crash courses are usually painful and rarely work out well. But once you've done something a few times, it becomes an easier and easier part of your daily routine. Pretty soon, it's not a chore or something you're afraid of.

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Making a budget and gaining control of your finances works the same way. When you first create a money plan, it probably won't work out exactly as you hoped. That's okay. It will barely work the second month, but it won't be as scary, because you've already done it once. By the third month, you'll have a much better feel for it, and your stress levels will go way down because you already know the basics. It just takes determination, patience, and intensity to get through the rough patches that go along with starting anything new.

A new year is just around the corner, Collin. Don't fall into the same old trap. Give yourself a little grace, but keep your eyes on the prize. Start preparing yourself now. You've got plenty of time to begin laying out a plan, and have a solid budget ready when January 1st arrives. It may feel like things are beginning slowly, but you can make this happen if you'll just stick with it! -Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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- · 2 acres of prime land to build on · Near Lake MI, farms, vineyards, wineries · Wooded and private · Near LMC, easy access to I-94
- Benton Harbor \$50,000. ML (20036021)



- 3 BR, 3 bath, 3,472 sq. ft., 3.19 acre wooded lot
- Family room w/fireplace & skylights, 3-season room
- Open eat-in kitchen w/island & SS appls, mail floor laundry · 2 new furnaces new A/C, new roof, beautifully landscaped
- St. Joseph \$375,000. LP (20032867)





Finished LL walkout to patio, heated pole barn
Edwardsburg, \$724,900. JL – (20039161)





- 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 \$749.900. ML - (19008825)





- · Main floor master suite w/shower, whirlpool tub, double vanity
- · Main floor laundry, finished LL walk out, water views
- Niles \$820,000. JL (20024088)



- One acre lot, premium home site · Views of Big Smith Lake, rolling & wooded land · Surrounded by fruit orchards & vineyards Assoc. lake frontage w/pier & boat launch
- Berrien Center \$42,499. VW (20017432) **NEWLY LISTED!**



- 2 BR, 1 bath, 1,020 sq. ft.
- 1/2 acre wooded lot needs some TLC Spacious rooms, lots of natural light
- 2-car detached garage, main floor laundry
 Buchanan \$74,900. VW (20039205)



- 5 BR, 3.5 bath, 3,306 sq. ft., 2.5 acres
- Living room w/fireplace, hardwood floors Kitchen w/quartz counter & SS appls, finished basement
- Master suite w/sitting area & fireplace, heated out building
- Vicksburg \$479,900. DJ (20042055)



- 5 BR, 5.5 bath, 5,548 sq. ft., Reserve at Knollwood · Completely remodeled, two-story great room w/fireplace Gourmet kitchen w/SS appls. & granite countertops Main floor master suite, finished walk-out LL
- Niles \$775,000. JL (20038223)



- New construction 3 BR, 2.5 bath home · "Iris" floor plan or select many others
- Check out this new neighborhood
- Base pricing depending on plan • Benton Harbor \$194.590. DS - (19055516)



- 2 BR, 2.5 bath, 1,611 sq. ft, Lighthouse Point Condo Lake MI views from all rooms, open floor plan
- · Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, kitchen w/granite
- Gated security, swimming pool, hot tub, clubhouse
 St. Joseph \$974,000. JS (19032865)



• 4 BR, 3.5 bath 3,004 sq. ft., on the St. Joseph Riv Spacious living room w/fireplace, dining room · Kitchen w/SS appls, master suite w/shower & tub · Huge back deck & patio, amazing views • St. Joseph \$534,900. DS - (20036623)

NEWLY LISTED!



- 3 BR, 1 full, 2 half bath, 1,644 sq. ft.. 8.4 acres
- Exposed wood beams, new floors throughout Open concept, spacious kitchen w/lots of storage space
- Attached insulated pole barn, back deck • Lawrence, \$229,900. AK - (20046361)



• 3 BR, 2.5 bath, 3,045 sq. ft., views of Christie Lake Spacious rooms throughout, vaulted ceilings, fireplace • Eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, main floor laundry · Partially finished basement, partially covered back deck Decatur \$249,000. DG – (20041433)



• 4 BR, 4.5 bath, 4,137 sq. ft., chalet-style custom built Kitchen w/granite, living room w/stone fireplace 4-season room overlooking waterfall & fish pond Solar heated indoor swimming pool, huge deck
Stevensville \$849,000. JS – (20034628)







- 5 BR. 2.5 bath. 4.125 sq. ft., main floor laundry
- Living room w/fireplace. Brazilian cherry floors
- · Eat-in chef's kitchen w/SS appls, main floor master suite Finished basement w/rec room & theater, covered back patio
- St. Joseph \$629,900. LP (20015494)



- 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 \$689,000. MN (20019674)



- 4 BR, 2 bath, 2,570 sq. ft
- Living room w/fireplace, hardwood floors
- Spacious eat-in kitchen w/plenty of storage space · Walk out LL w/kitchen, family room, bedroom & bath
- St. Joseph \$239,900. VW (20040041)



- Two-unit investment property Each unit 2 BR. 1 bath. 935 sq. ft.
- Shared laundry in basement, rear parking
- Separate electric service for each unit
- St. Joseph \$139,900. DS (20036911)



- Great buildable lot
- · Fantastic views of the St. Joseph River • At the quiet end of cul-de-sac
- Playground, club house and green space
 St. Joseph \$54,900. LP (19048805)



- 2 BR. 2 bath. 1.268 sq. ft. • "Wisteria" floor plan or select many others
- · Check out this new neighborhood
- Base pricing depending on plan
- Benton Twp., \$192.390, DS (19055526)



 Lake MI beach wooded lot. 0.23 acres Beautiful lot just minutes to Lake MI

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Minutes from Coloma & St Joseph

• Coloma \$19,900. LP - (17024317)

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LEGALS

Synopsis of Lake Charter Township **Special Board Meeting** . November 20, 2020 Electronic Meeting Via Zoom, per Governor Whitmer's Order Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86317902108'pwd=dG-IhWkdMVWgwN1VnaFdScjNTcDRDQT09 Meeting ID: 863 1790 2108 Passcode: 758608 Meeting called to order 2:00 p.m. Present: Gast, Payne, Clark Mensinger, Essig, Carson and Wilk. Motion to allow Mike Essig to abstain from voting on the reinstatement of Captain Mike Essig to the Lake Charter Township Fire Department. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion to reinstate Captain Mike Essig to the Lake Charter Township Fire Department. Roll Call Vote: Six yes, one abstention (Essig),

Motion carried. Motion to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 2:11 p.m.

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December 5, 2020 Page 23 LEGALS

SYNOPSIS OF LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP **Budget Public Hearing** November 16, 2020 Electronic Meeting Via Zoom, per Governor Whitmer's Order LINK FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 11-16-20 https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/KHi4CqVTBKshPhDMztaN7dFLCp0ENuyCVt1-hidASCIB8e-WKq1gMYiMiUj04juno.0061QzY7vzm3sua Two quests attended via ZOOM. To hear the recorded meeting access the attached link via zoom: Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Gast, Payne, Clark Mensinger, Heyn, Stine and Wilk. Agenda stands as presented. Motion to open public hearing Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. 2021 Budget was discussed, general millage remains at 3.0. The estimated income for the general fund for calendar year 2021 is \$4,640,83.00 Motion to close public hearing. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Motion to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:29 p.m.

> Synopsis of Lake Charter Township Board Meeting November 17, 2020 Electronic Meeting Via Zoom,

per Governor Whitmer's Order https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/89299250498'pwd=UFZ1bzVnV20rRmI-5WU5ob01IY0gxQT09 Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Gast, Payne, Clark, Mensinger, Heyn and Wilk Absent Stine. Motion to add two agenda items. Roll Call Vote: Six yes, motion carrued, Motion to approve October 17, 2020 meeting minutes with two changes. Roll Call Vote: Six yes, motion carried. Motion to approve October bills totaling \$729,945.96. Roll Call Vote: Six yes, motion carried. Motion to approve 2021 Meeting Dates and Office

Motion to approve 2021 Meeting Dates and Office Closings. Roll Call Vote: Six yes. Motion carried. Motion to approve 2021 Public Notice of T ownship meetings. Roll Call Vote: Six yes. Motion carried. Motion to approve a three-year extension to

Hungerford Nichols at Lake Charter Township auditor. Roll Call Vote: Six yes. Motion carried. Motion to approve Hopkins Lane watermain extension for six homes, for \$66,400.00. Roll Call Vote: Six yes. Motion to adopt 2021 Lake Charter Township

Budget. Roll Call Vote: Six yes. Motion carried. Motion to repair 1994 Hummer not to exceed \$12,000.00 Roll Call Vote: Six yes.

Motion carried.

Motion to continue investing Lake Charter Township public funds in Edgewater. Roll Call Vote: Five yes, Wilk no. Motion carried.

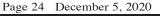
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan. Lake Charter Township Hall Offices will be closed November 26 and 27, 2020 in Observance of Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.





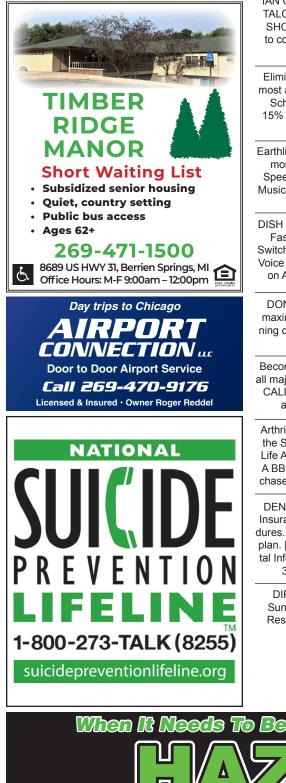
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