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Moody on The Market



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Watching "tremendous growth" unfold in the St. Joseph market, Sturgis Bancorp's recent \$15-mil-

lion debt offering will be used in part to continue that rapid pace through creation of a second full-service Sturgis Bank & Trust branch for St. Joseph on Cleveland Avenue targeted for as early as March. Sturgis Bancorp, the bank holding company for Sturgis Bank & Trust, established loan production offices in both St. Joseph and Portage over the past year and recently converted both into full service branches according to President & CEO Eric Eishen.

Eishen told reporters, "There is a lot of opportunity. Things are going well. As long as we can grow the bank profitably, why not?" The conversion in Portage and St. Joe followed the hiring of several veteran bankers in those markets, and Eishen is ready to replicate the Portage trend after repeating the model with the hiring of veteran banker Bob Burch last fall as the new Community President in St. Joseph. To aid in the process of their expansion planning, Sturgis Bancorp recently completed a \$15-million debt offering to support additional growth across Michigan's Great Southwest. The bank says they had two options to raise capital either by issuing debt or issuing additional shares. Inasmuch as additional shares would dilute the earnings of current shareholders, Eishen says the bank opted for the issuance of subordinate notes. They were assisted in that offering by Boenning & Scattergood, Inc. of West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia as financial advisers and placement agents with Warner Norcross + Judd of Grand Rapids as legal counsel. The St. Joseph market is one that Eishen says, "We really did not have a very big presence in and where we were able to acquire some of the talent." As a result, St. Joe and Portage are the main focal point of much of the bank's current growth. The new St. Joseph branch planned for Cleveland Avenue is being prepped at the former site of an Old National Bank branch at Cleveland and Hilltop. Burch says they completely gutted the building and started from scratch with plans to outfit the facility with all brand new equipment, furnishings, and decor.

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newly Everything looks so pristine and bright. Bright is what we are going to focus on this year. A brighter year ahead, brighter days and the bright light of the future.

on Monday. That's just in time for you to join us for this that brings frosty fun to downtown St. Joseph. Enjoy professional Ice Carving Competitions, a SnowBiz your favorite restaurant. Scavenger Hunt and Ice Interactives. Friday is the Professional Individual Carving Competition where you can watch carvers magically turn frozen blocks of ice into works of art! Saturday features the Ice Fest 5K

Restaurants are allowed to open with restrictions and Professional Team Competition where you can watch carvers create frosty creations made from 8 year's Magical Ice Fest, February 5-7! It's a weekend blocks of ice. It's a fun weekend for all! While you're downtown be sure to shop local and enjoy a meal at

> Next on the calendar are two virtual events brought to you from The Mendel Center. The first is National Geographic Live! Virtual Event - Scientific Continued on page 2

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Exposure, February 9. Natural history photographers working with National Geographic have often emerged from scientific backgrounds, enabling them to reveal wildlife and our natural world in surprising ways. Molecular biologist-turned-photographer Prasenjeet Yadav combines his experience in research with his photography skills to highlight natural history and science stories in Asia. And Anand Varma has developed innovative techniques to create stunning images of creatures whose details are otherwise invisible to the naked eye. Join them for stories and conversation on the intriguing intersection of science and photography. Reserve your personalized online pass at www.theMendelCenter.com.

Our second virtual event at The Mendel Center is one of celebration. Join us for *Winter Delights: Bringing Valentine's Home*, February 13. It may be cold outside, but it's cozy and warm inside. This year, Winter Delights is coming into your home for a relaxing night of wine, chocolates, cooking, music, and other fun surprises. Start the evening with an interactive Zoom cooking demonstration with Chef Luis Amado. Then be guided through a series of virtual wine and chocolate tastings, punctuated with live music interludes. Each package includes:

- Five 50ml wine samples from Lake Michigan Vintners (Hard Cider, Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Red Hawk Red (sweet red blend)
- Gourmet chocolate sampler
- Special Valentine's weekend entrée and dessert recipes
- Virtual tour of the LMC Welch Center for Wine & Viticulture
- Live music from Alex & Erin

Have your wine, chocolate, and recipes shipped to your home (for an additional fee) or pick them up the week of February 8 at the Welch Center on the Lake

Michigan College Benton Harbor campus. Then, join us on your own, as a couple, or (safely) with friends. Invite a couple of friends to your home, purchase the package for all four and spend the night cooking, sipping wine, enjoying delectable chocolates, and most importantly having an absolutely fun and entertaining evening with friends.

Once again with outdoor activity being encouraged and healthy let's look at a couple more parks. This time we turn to two Cass County Parks, Fred Russ Forest and Dr. T. K. Lawless. The Fred Russ Forest Park is located within the 580-acre Fred Russ research forest. This 13-acre park with its rich history and natural beauty is one of the most visited parks in Cass County. Based on the season the year-round park offers picnicking, children's play equipment, picnic shelters, fishing (class A trout stream), horseshoe pit, four miles of hiking trails, a canoe landing and four miles of cross-country skiing.

We next turn our focus to the most recently designated Dark Sky Park, Dr. T. K. Lawless. Stargazing at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park is a year-round activity, but star gazing is not the only thing to do at the park. This 820-acre nature park is open year-round and boasts a broad range of recreational activities. Those activities include 10 miles of mountain biking, seven miles of leisure biking, seven miles of hiking trails and cross-country skiing, picnicking, two ball fields, Disc Golf, two horseshoe pits, fishing, inner tube sledding (tubes provided), a one-mile paved total access trail, children's play equipment, picnic shelters, open games field and volleyball court.

For details on these events and locations, and many other fun and interesting things to do in Michigan's *Great* Southwest visit www.swmichigan.org.

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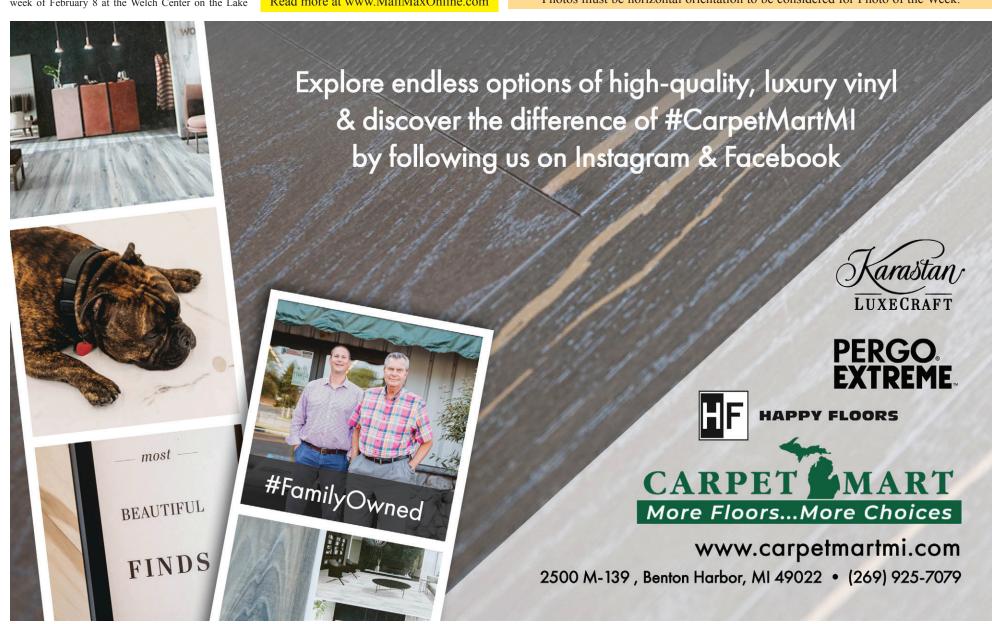
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Join us for the annual Magical Ice Fest, sponsored by Silver Beach Pizza, to celebrate the winter season! It's a weekend that brings frosty fun to downtown St. Joe. Enjoy professional Ice Carving Competitions, a SnowBiz Scavenger Hunt, Ice Interactives and more!

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5:00pm-8:00pm Professional Individual Carving Competition presented by Caffe Tosi

Watch carvers magically turn frozen blocks into works of art!

Saturday, Februar

7:30am-4:30pm Professional Team Competition

Watch a team of carvers transform 8 blocks of ice into frosty creations.

9:00am Ice Fest 5k Chocolate Walk/Run presented by Sunset Coast Striders

Join us for the chilliest timed run in St. Joseph.

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11:00am-4:00pm Ice Interactives

Enjoy interacting with some of the carved creations!

Tic-Tac-Toe presented by BIGGBY Coffee & Zoup!

Frozen Fish Toss presented by The Livery

Sunday,

View completed sculptures on the last day of this magical weekend!

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Pastor



Resurrection Reassurance

And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:17,18

tiger and his boy

wagon. As they unknowingly speed toward a cliff, Calvin yells out, "It's true, Hobbes, ignorance is bliss!"

Ignorance can be bliss. Not knowing about a problem means you are not worried about that problem. Being ignorant about a problem means you aren't trying to fix that problem. You are blissfully unaware.

But, as the Calvin and Hobbes cartoon illustrates, being ignorant about something does not make it go away. And, sometimes, being ignorant can





In a popular have catastrophic consequences—like comic, Hobbes the riding your red wagon off a cliff.

Death is one of those things about Calvin are careening down a hill in a red which people like to be blissfully ignorant. They do not know what will happen to them after they die and prefer not to think about it. They are blissfully ignorant. But, being blissfully ignorant does not make the reality of death go away. It is something we will all face.

> Thankfully, the Bible has some comforting news about what happens when we die. It assures us that Jesus died for the sins of the world and rose again. And he promises he will raise all of these followers from the dead when he returns on judgment day. And just as sin and death can't touch Jesus' body anymore, so Jesus will change our bodies. We will be without sin, pain, or any disability. "And so," Paul concludes, "we will be with the Lord forever."

When it comes to death, ignorance is harmful, but the Spirit-imparted wisdom of Jesus' resurrection gives us eternal encouragement and good hope.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, because of you, I shall not die but live and proclaim what you have done. Amen.

> Submitted by:Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum Administrative Pastor Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Originated by: www.What AboutJesus.com

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Your plan has been a lifesaver for us. Why do you think some people are unwilling to listen to good advice, and make changes in their finances?

Tammi

Dear Tammi,

Thank you so much for all the kind words. I'm really proud of you two for putting in the effort and hard work that goes along changing your financial behaviors and gaining control of your money.

I think there are several reasons why some folks resist making changes in their lives, even when those changes would make things a whole lot better and easier for them. One of those things is often denial.

My dad used to tell me 90 percent of solving a problem is realizing and admitting a problem exists. I'm convinced that one of the major factors keeping people from winning with money is they don't realize they even have a problem. If you are apathetic because you think things like debt and living paycheck-to-paycheck are okay or just the way things are, you'll be unwillingor even afraid-to make the big changes

necessary to achieve big results. Debt is so ingrained into our culture that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, or college without student loans. We've been sold on the idea of debt so aggressively that most folks don't believe life without a pile of payments is possible.

Also, change is painful. Most people won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. No matter who you are, where you're at right now financially is, in large part, a sum total of the decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to acknowledge the fact that things need to change—you need to change.

Finally, there's an element of ignorance involved. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean being dumb or stupid. What I'm talking about is a simple lack of good information. Anyone can learn things, if they'll just admit they don't have all the answers and set their minds to studying and educating themselves on a topic. If you're not careful, what you don't know about money will make you broke and keep you broke!

* 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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Since 2015, we started reporting recordnumbers and setting prices in our local housing market. declared 2016 and 2017 to be the new peak years following a slow recovery from the 2008 economic crash. the year-over-year

comparison, 2006 was the previous peak year. The housing market pace continued to climb in in 2018 and 2019. Now, the 2020 SWMI housing market year has blown out all previous peak years to reign as the new peak market year.

In

The highest number of total houses sold in a year previously was 3733 in 2017. In 2020, 3924 houses were sold, clearing the previous record by 5 percent. In 2019, 3607 houses were sold, which was 9 percent lower than in 2020.

The average and median selling prices blew by the record prices set in 2019 by double digits. The average selling price for the year was \$304,080 compared to \$240,525 in 2019, for a 26 percent increase. The median selling price for the year rose 20 percent to \$215,000 compared to the previous record of \$178,000 in 2019.

The year-to-date total dollar volume grew 37 percent above the previous record set in 2019 (\$1,193,213,037 vs. \$867,817,204).

Additional market highlights include that the number of houses sold each year has stayed above 3000 for the last eight years. Since 2015, the average selling price in SWMI has increased 56 percent. With the increasing sales each year, the yearly total dollar volume soared 85 percent.

Looking at just results in December 2020 and comparing it to December 2019, the number of houses sold sky-rocketed 44 percent in December 2020 (367 vs. 254).

The average selling price increased 26 percent to \$318,807 from \$252,183 in December 2019. The median selling price rose 15 percent to \$202,200 from \$176,000 in December 2019. Both selling prices set new records for December in the year-over-year comparison.

The record sales and selling prices drove the total dollar volume up 83 percent from December 2019

The Housing Market in Southwestern Michigan

also set a new record.

The median price is the price at which 50% of the homes sold were above that price, and 50% were below.

Unfortunately, there is a downside, the inventory of houses for sale dropped 30-plus percent each month starting in August. At the end of 2020, there were just 717 houses for sale compared to 1 176 in 2019. At 717. houses, the market had a 2.8-months supply of homes for sale compared to 3.7 in November and 4.17 in December 2019. The 2.8-months supply inventory level was the lowest in the year-over-year comparison. In 2010, there were 3160 houses on the market. The number of listings for sale includes homes across Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and the westerly 2/3 of Van Buren counties.

The number of bank-owned or foreclosed homes as a percentage of all transactions increased slightly to 3 percent in December. From June to September, the number of bank-owned or foreclosed homes as a percentage of all transactions held steady at 1 percent. In October and November, the percentage was 2 percent. In the early months of the year, January to May, the range was 5 to 7 percent. The highest percentage previously in December was 45 percent in 2009.

Locally, the mortgage rate decreased slightly to 2.888 from 2.967 in November. Last year in December, the rate was 3.756. Nationally, the Freddie Mac mortgage rate in December also decreased slightly to 2.67 from 2.72 in November for a 30-year conventional mortgage.

This data reflects home sales across Berrien, Cass, and the westerly 2/3 of Van Buren counties and should not be used to determine the market value of

(\$117,002,204 vs. \$64,054,495). The total dollar volume any individual property. If you want to know the market value of your property, please contact your local REALTOR®

When Selling a Home...

While you are living through the pandemic with all the added emotional frustrations, keep in mind that putting your house on the market will add more high and low emotions to your current mix. Your REALTOR® can really give good advice to help you navigate through the ups and downs.

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- 3. Delight. This is our house? Who knew staging could make it look so great?
- 4. Disappointment NO! This is all someone thinks our house is worth? Will we ever get a decent offer?
- 5. Elation. Hoorah! We accepted an offer! We're going to move!
- 6. Worry. What if the appraisal is too low? Or the inspection goes bad?
- 7. Relief. Sold! It's Official! The selling process is finally over. 8. Sadness. Our time in our home is over. We're
- walking away from so many happy memories.
- 9. Joy. It's done! We have moved to our new dream home

When Buying a Home...

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someone will make. For the typical home purchase transaction, the lender usually orders the appraisal to assist in the lender's decision to provide funds for a mortgage. An appraiser will observe the property, analyze the data, and report their findings to their client.

The appraiser is an independent, impartial, and objective professional in the mortgage transaction. An appraiser develops an appraisal that is a credible, reliable, and supported opinion of value. However, there are other products that appraisers, real estate brokers, or other entities prepare, which vary in levels of analysis, detail, and reliability.

While the lender is technically the owner of the appraisal, as a home buyer, you still have certain rights.

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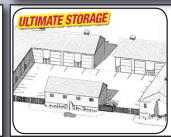
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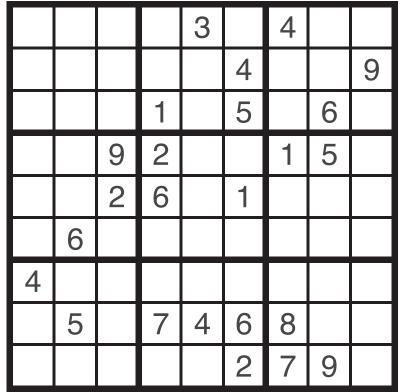
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3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver, C20323A



3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 25K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Race Red, F20462A

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2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Alu Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Mo Cross-Traffic Alert, Back-Up Camera, Re Checked! Soul Red



Wheels, 36K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver' Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! C20162A



2.4 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 87K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Trimmed Seating, Three Zone Temp Control, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! F20334A



Start, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! F20436A





Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2rd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! C20212A



3.7 EFI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 66K Miles, Navigation Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ca Smart Checked! Liquid Platinum, C21009A



2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, M20



3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYI 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheels, Auto Climate Control, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Information System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate. Remote Keyless Entry System. Ford Certified! White Platinum. C20076A



System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, U20210



3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Wheels, 30K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factor Warrantyl Gray, C20303A



5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, U20206



3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Who DVD Entertainment System, Reverse Park Assist wi Keyless Entry System, Chrys



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3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 91K Miles, SYNC, CD-Player, Power Windows and Doors, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Tuxedo Black, F21006A

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2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 54K Miles, Cloth Leather Trimmed Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Snow White Pearl, Car Smart Checked! F20446A



2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Quicksilver Metallic, C20202A





tep Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Pre-Collision Assist, Rea

liew Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, U20143A



Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, $2^{\rm nd}$ Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! C20305A



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Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! S20013



3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2" w Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Traile Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! C20246A





Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeen Certified J C20306A



3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Face Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2rd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power-Fold Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, 180 Degree Front Camera, Lane Keeping System, Reverse Sensing System Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F20437



1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 44K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! F20375A

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2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 123K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC, Power Driver's Seat, Power Moon Roof, CD-Plaver, Remot



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2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 103K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Room



2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 54K Miles, Power Windows, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Lakeside Blue, C20120A



2015 CHRYSLER 200 S

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Velvet Red, F20460A



2.0 EFI Engine, 1 Speed CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 13K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Climate Contro Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Brown, C20311A



2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Mile Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Whee Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Granite! F20400B

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5.7 EFI HEMI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Park Assist System



2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels 30K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyles: Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White, U20220



6.7 Power Stroke V8 DIESEL Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, 95K Miles, Bed Liner, XLT Interior Package CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F21042



1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Luster Nickel Wheels, 26K Miles, SE Tech Package, SYNC 3, Power Seating, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Re (eyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Burgundy Velvet, U2



2.0 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 68K Miles Navigation, SE Hybrid Tech, SYNC, Power Seating, Power Moon Root Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up
Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Shadow Black, F20177A



3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Graphite, M20079A



Steering Wheel, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Brake troller. Remote Keyless Entry System. Ram Certified! Bright White. U2(



2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, CD-Player, Touchscreen Display Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Freshly Detailed! Crystal White Pearl, U20180A



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3.0 V6 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 166K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather leated Seating, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Glacier Silver, M20010A



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3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 59K Miles, Remute Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated! AC Front Seats, 2°® Row Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Cast Benoth Kurlace Entry Custom Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C21079A





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. 3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 144K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2" Row Heated Seats, Di Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure/Keep Assist, Blind Spot Monitor, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, White Platinum, F21050A



2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Ro Heated Seats, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Silver Sand, M20083B



Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto

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6.8 V10 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 116K Miles, Bed Liner Running Boards, CD-Player, Tow Command Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F20285B



Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Back-Up Camera, Anti-Spin Differential Rea

Axle, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified, Delmonico Red, C21029A

2.4 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Thank 12K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate mote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Laser Blue Pearl, U202



1.6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, SYNC, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ruby Red,



3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats Heated Steering Wheel, Touch Screen Display, Back-Up Camera Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite



.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheel Only 12K Miles! Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seats Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, note Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, C21018/

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Michigan COVID Recovery Plan Arthur Havlicek, President. SMR Chamber

Last week. Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced her Michigan COVID Recovery Plan to help restore the economy and end the coronavirus pandemic in our state. The proposal relies on nearly \$5 billion in federal funds awarded to the state by the Trump Administration late last year, and focuses heavily on areas such as vaccine distribution, economic recovery, schools, and more.

We believe it contains a number of positive elements that will support businesses, workers, students, and improve public health starting with its commitment to ramp up vaccine distribution in our state.

Michigan has made national headlines for its poor vaccine distribution up to this point and the criticism is somewhat justified. As of this past Tuesday, Michigan had distributed 1,477,475 doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to local health departments and hospitals. Slightly more than half of those doses -760,066 - had actually been injected in people's arms. Keep in mind, the Pfizer vaccine is being produced in Portage, MI - our own backyard.

Needless to say, the sooner we can vaccinate front-line workers and vulnerable members of our society, the sooner we can safely re-engage more sectors of our workforce. At the time of the announcement, the plan included few specifics about how the improved rollout will be achieved, but the goal is noble and necessary nonetheless.

The plan also committed to returning students to in-person learning by March 1, another positive for our state. Experts have warned about the negative side-effects remote learning can have on our young students and the sooner we can get them back in the classroom, the sooner we can mitigate issues like learning loss, social anxiety, etc. This will also ease a tremendous strain on our workforce as many parents have had to stay home with their children when they could have otherwise returned to their jobs. This proposal also lacked specifics, but recognition of the issue is a win in and

Additionally, the plan contains designs to create an Office of Rural Development to address issues like broadband internet access in communities like ours; funding for job-training programs which will be key considering

how many Michiganders have dropped out of the workforce and will need to be re-trained before re-entering; and a call for the legislature to re-enact the Good Jobs for Michigan Program which is a performance based incentive program designed to help our state retain and create good-paying jobs.

For small businesses specifically, the Governor's plan would provide \$225 million for three new programs from the MEDC:

- · The Michigan Mainstreet Initiative would help stabilize our small business community by securing grants for restaurants and other place-based businesses to keep our Main Streets vibrant and our communities resilient.
- The Michigan Microenterprise Support Initiative would help us put small businesses with less than nine employees on the path to recovery by creating greater access to much needed support.
- · And the Business Accelerator and Resiliency Initiative would provide grants to high-tech startups that can help our communities thrive.

One thing noticeably lacking in the plan was a restoration of the \$220 million in Unemployment Trust Fund dollars that the Governor vetoed late last month. Again, these dollars were appropriated to hold employers harmless for the state's decision to temporarily extend expanded unemployment benefits until March. Ironically, the Governor's recovery plan still called for this extension to be made permanent through legislation.

While it is the Governor's prerogative to propose the allocation of funds, it is ultimately the legislature's responsibility to appropriate them. Unfortunately, legislative leaders were not briefed prior to this press conference which underscores the current lack of consideration and cooperation between the branches of government in our state.

Nevertheless, the House and Senate are working on their own plan which will likely mirror many of these initiatives - with a few key differences. We hope they will present their plan quickly and begin good-faith negotiations with the Governor's Office soon.

\$5 billion in relief funding is a lot of money to be left on the table at a time when many businesses and individuals are still reeling from financial hardship. For our part, we will be advocating for a swift, bipartisan agreement that will help us achieve the economic recovery we've been waiting for.

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New electronic signage will also be added to that site as renovations continue. That second St. Joe location will bring Sturgis Bank & Trust up to 14 offices across the region. What started out as a loan production office on Main Street in downtown St. Joseph is now also a full-service branch. Like Bob Burch, a number of experienced bankers who had been employed with much larger regional banks elected to depart amid widespread consolidation, especially as was the case when Chemical Financial merged with TCF. Now even the TCF name will disappear as it merges into Huntington Bancshares. Eishen says that veterans like Burch were drawn to Sturgis where "they have the power to make decisions" amid greater flexibility. Eishen says, "Right now the stars are aligned for talent acquisition, and you can just keep doing what you've done and not grow, or take advantage of that opportunity right now," and adds, "You strike when the iron's hot, and right now the iron's hot. There's a lot of really high-quality bankers that are looking to come back into the community bank model." Sturgis Bancorp has witnessed steady growth over the past year. The bank wrapped up 3Q 2020 with assets in excess of \$604.7-million which marks a 27.7-percent increase over the same quarter in the previous year, while they watched deposits grow by nearly 38-percent to \$486.4-million.

Several construction sites in Lincoln Charter Township have had the social media world on fire in recent weeks, rampant with speculation as to what's making its way to those parcels in close proximity to one another. The one truly definitive answer for the moment from Lincoln Township's key building official, Building Inspector Jim Pheifer, is the site on Red Arrow Highway next to the BP Station and

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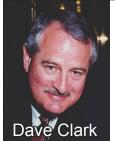
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Taco Johns. That site is becoming a Walgreens Drive Thru Pharmacy. Yes, everyone is aware that there is a full-fledged Walgreens a couple hundred yards away at the intersection of Red Arrow and Glenlord, but Pheifer says Walgreens officials have given him no indication that that situation will change. The new parcel is largely for purposes of a drive thru pharmacy, although building plans do call for "some shelving" at the new site, so there might be a small convenience factor aligned with the drive thru facility. No other information regarding timelines or other details are available at this time. The property was purchased late last year by Frank Awdish of West Bloomfield, Michigan who has a wide portfolio of commercial establishments in his real estate stable. Awdish was not available for comment on the new project in Lincoln Township. Around the corner from that site, between the existing Walgreens store and the railroad tracks along Glenlord Road, a sizable lot has been cleared of all trees and other growth, with lots of speculation as to what will go into that project. Pheifer confirms that the land was purchased last fall by the man who owns the Overisel Lumber company in Holland, but says the new owner has not filed any site plans for whatever he intends to do on that property. There are Overisel Lumber operations in South Haven, Douglas and Holland, but whether this market is being added or there are other plans for the site remain up in the air at this time. I have reached out to the new owner for clarification, but have yet to hear back from him on that site. Finally, Pheiffer says that the new Starbuck's drive through coffee shop at Red Arrow and West Marquette Woods Road should be ready to open "within the next 30

days," but the second half of that project building

which is nearing completion does not have a

tenant as yet. Wild speculation about what is slated for that space has been ongoing, but Pheiffer says there is no contract for that space as yet. Stay tuned on all counts.

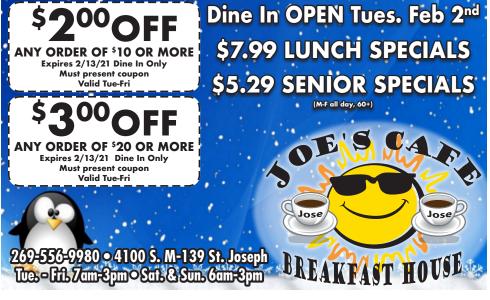
When Sonic first established its Benton Harbor restaurant at I-94 and M-139 just over five years ago there was much anticipation about what other businesses would lock into that location which had space for at least three additional enterprises. Now, for the first time in that five-plus year history, a second business has begun the build out process to bring a brand new Dunkin'/Baskin-Robbins to the commercial strip center including a drive-up service window.

Brian Cronkrite from Trigo Hospitality which owns the 9,243 square foot building located at 2680 S. M-139 in Benton Charter Township, says that construction is just getting underway on the new restaurant which will anchor the 4th bay in the building, at the opposite end of the complex from the Sonic Drive-In which opened in September of 2015. Dunkin'/Baskin-Robbins is leasing 2,750 square feet in the \$4-million commercial center built in 2015. One of the key features on that end of the building is the drive-up window option which makes it very attractive to interstate traffic along I-94 for rapid access. The new restaurant is targeted for completion by April and is owned by the same team that owns Dunkin' Donuts in both St. Joseph and Stevensville. A principal in that firm, Haresh Patel, says they are building a new one in **Bridgman** at the same time in the BP Service Station on Red Arrow Highway, but the Benton Harbor one will be the newest of them all when it opens this spring. Patel says, "We are really excited to bring a Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins to that center. It will be a great complement to Sonic in the beautiful mall that has been built in that area "



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If you are a manufacturer, grower, or product creator in the **Midwest** and would like to see your products on the shelves of one of the largest retailers in a six-state region, read on for a pitch from Meijer to see what you've got to offer to their huge customer base. Meijer has announced that they will host the Lift Local Supplier Event, giving local businesses across the retailer's regional footprint the opportunity to showcase their offerings to Meijer merchants virtually. Peter Whitsett, Meijer Executive Vice President of Merchandising and Marketing, says, "We are proud to be a Midwestern retailer and want to carry products that highlight our communities." He adds, "Each Meijer store should represent its customers and the community that makes those customers unique. This event gives us the chance to source products from our customers' hometowns, which makes their shopping experience even more meaningful." The April 1st virtual event will focus on the following categories: Grocery, including fresh, deli and bakery...Baby...Beauty and personal care...and Over-the-counter and wellness. Businesses that manufacture or grow retail-ready products in the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, or Wisconsin can apply by Friday, February 19th for consideration at this link: www.rangeme.com/meijerlocal2021. Jamie Akemann, Group Vice President of Global Sourcing, Indirect Procurement, Supplier Diversity and Product Quality at Meijer, tells us, "Many small, local businesses offer great products but can be hesitant to approach a major retailer because they are not necessarily ready to distribute to hundreds of stores," and adds, "This is the perfect opportunity for those businesses. The point of this event is to bring in local businesses and accommodate what they can do now, while also building a partnership to help them grow in the future." The upcoming event comes on the heels of the retailer's successful Supplier **Diversity Summit** in November, during which Meijer merchants met with nearly 250 diverse suppliers to diversify their vendor base and better serve their customers. These events are part of the retailer's ongoing efforts to enhance the diversity of its business partners and amplify growth in its communities. Meijer Group Vice President of Foods Don Sanderson says, "Offering local products has always been an important part of

what we do at Meijer, but now we want to take it up a notch and accelerate our efforts," adding, "It means a lot to our customers to know they are supporting a local business, especially when it comes to food. It's nice to know that what you're putting in your body was grown or made right in your own back yard." Meijer is partnering with Efficient Collaborative Retail Marketing (ECRM) and its subsidiary product discovery tool, RangeMe, to host this event through the company's ECRM Connect virtual platform. It's the same platform that was used during the fall Supplier Diversity Summit. Once applications for the event are submitted, Meijer teams will review and select the vendors they would like to meet at the virtual summit. Suppliers not chosen for the event will still be accessible through the RangeMe registration tool and may be reviewed by Meijer merchants again in the future as business needs change. While they may not qualify for April's event, local vendors carrying services or products outside of the categories mentioned above are encouraged to submit their information for consideration through the retailer's prospective vendor page at this link:

https://tinyurl.com/y2xxjv5b

In an extremely brief three sentence announcement last week, the Berrien County Youth Fair Board of Directors has announced that the official dates for the 75th Anniversary Fair will be from August 16th through the 21st. They add, "If COVID 19 restrictions still remain through the summer months, BCYF will have an exhibitor showcase in August with a virtual auction. More details will follow - please watch BCYF website at www.bcyf.org or BCYF Facebook page. In a separate note, the board announced that the Berrien County Youth Fair Market Beef and Carcass Class registration deadline is February 1st. Stay tuned.

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So many great column ideas pop into my head, and even as I typed that I realized that you might be thinking, "Boy, I wish he would actually write a great column once in a while '

Well, this week, my column is assuredly, incontrovertibly, 137% Great! That's because it's about THE GREAT COURSES!

'The Great Courses" is a catalog I received this week, that nearly disappeared before I saw it - my wife delivered it to our kitchen wastebasket. I protested, saying maybe it'll spark a column that's slightly less lame than usual. Voila, here's what it sparked!

The catalog promotes 43 educational "seminars," viewable either online or via DVD. Each course is delivered in a series of 12 to 48 lectures, 30 minutes each, featuring instruction by "the world's greatest professors." And they're having a sale! – the bargains are mind-boggling! -- \$35, or even just \$25, for knowledge with an "MSRP" ranging from \$270 to \$385! I don't know how many "percent off" this amounts to, but if I take the Joy of Mathematics course, I'll probably learn how to figure it out!!

(Bwah-hah-hah-hah-hah!!! C'mon man! I'm NEVER taking another math class *ever*, unless

A Great Column? – Of Courses!

someone pays my MSRP of \$270 to \$385 to do it!) Some other things that jumped out at me from The Great Courses catalog:

How about this class, which sounds like a lyric from a "Mary Poppins "song: Learn "Practical Piano from Professor of Piano Pedagogy Pamela Pike."

No matter how much you enjoy studying the past, you might want to skip some of the lectures in "The Other Side of History: Daily Life in the Ancient World." I'd ditch "Being a Sick or Disabled Greek," "Being a Poor Roman," and "Being a Greek Refugee." (Oy, wait a sec!: What if I played hooky only to learn there's an avatar taking attendance each

Note about this course's syllabus: I heard that Lecture 20 – "Being a Dead Greek" – is one *not* to miss. Sure, the topic sounds dull, but the video is actually a substitute teacher showing a movie!

One course title sent me on an immediate and enthusiastic search of the World Wide Web for more information - it's Course No. 80040, "Everyday Guide to Beer."

It's taught by a guy named Charlie Bamforth, who is known as "The Pope of Foam." That anointment shows what how much one can achieve with beer! And also when you're the Professor Emeritus of Malting and Brewing Sciences at the University of California-Davis (a position endowed by Anheuser Busch).

It also probably helped his elevation to the Papacy that Charlie wrote a book called "In Praise of Beer," and that he's currently focusing his studies on the wholesomeness of beer. And as if that isn't enough, he can realistically portray a jovial, pub-loving, English tankardman. Because he IS a jovial, pub-loving, English tankardman! -- he's from Ince-in-Makerfield, outside Wigan, one of scads of real British towns that sound like something made up by Monty Python.

Anyway, this sounds like an easy course to imbibe, and as a plus. I've heard taking "Everyday Guide to Beer" is practically a prerequisite for some of those "Life in the Ancient World" lectures. It's a lot easier to take "Being a Dead Egyptian" with a pint in your hand.

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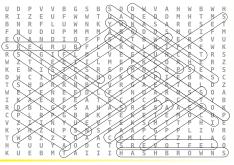
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