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for several years now thanks to the grand variety of options along the Makers Trail, now from the same minds that brought us the Makers Trail Passport comes a new game called Creative Connections. We all know that the arts, music and theater scene is thriving in Southwest Michigan, but the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council is ratcheting things up a notch making it more fun than ever to discover the region's creative side by playing their new Creative Connections game. From now through next April 30, 2022, prepare to laugh, be awed, meet the artists and send your spirits soaring while earning cool, artsy prizes along the way. Mike Nadolski, Executive Director of The Mendel Center, one of the 16 game destinations, says, "Our Southwest Michigan region is very fortunate to have a vibrant and comprehensive arts scene," and adds, "The arts add significantly to the quality of life for all by entertaining, educating and inspiring us. Creative Connections is a fun and easy way to learn more about some of the many varied arts organizations our region has to offer." Here's how the game works: 1) Pick up a Creative Connections brochure. You'll be able to request one online or at any of the 16 Creative Connections destinations. 2) Visit the Creative Connections destinations (listed below). Each business will have a door decal or a flag signifying their role in the game. 3) Show your brochure and collect a stamp at each location you visit. Each destination has a personalized stamp. 4) Collect stamps to earn prizes starting at just three Creative Connections stops. 5) Return your brochure to the Tourist Council to be validated for prizes. Your prizes and brochure will be mailed back to you so you can continue playing. All brochures must be sent for validation by May 9, 2022. You must be 18 years or older to play.

Nadolski says, "It's not always the case that you can play a game, be enriched and win prizes, too,' adding, "You already win just by dabbling or fully immersing yourself in an art museum, dance studio, performance, concert or gallery. Plus, you never know - you might find a piece of art or an experience that awakens a creative impulse and sends you into a new and exciting direction. That's the transformative power of art." Creative Connections destinations include: The Acorn...ARS Gallery, Arts & Culture Center...Box Factory for the Arts...Buchanan Arts Center...Citadel Dance & Music Center...Chartreuse Art Gallery ... The Gallery at Harbor Shores ... The



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Sarah Spoonholtz, Regional Director,

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Your Chamber Community Update

Framing and Design on Wednesday, don't worry vou still have time to join in on the celebration! Two years ago, a change at the helm of Waterfront Framing & Fine Art quietly happened, which allowed new owner Valerie Byrnes to fulfill a dream of owning her own business in Southwest Michigan. Shortly after taking ownership, she began

If you missed our ribbon cutting at Waterfront crafting her own vision of what the business, located on Ship Street in downtown St. Joe would look like, this included a name change to Waterfront Framing & Design and expanding her product offerings, and now her physical space as well.

The original Waterfront Framing opened 20 years ago on April 30, 2001 under long-time owners Continued on page 2

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Diane & Ned Wollenslegel, who spent 18 years investing in downtown St. Joe and crafting the framing and fine-art shop into what many locals and visitors have come to know as one of the best in Southwest Michigan. You likely wouldn't have even known the transition of ownership had happened with the Wollenslegel's continuing to work with and support Valerie during the renovation of the existing storefront, the addition of new artisan décor and furnishings, and now the expansion to the space next door. Inside that expansion, which more than doubles the physical footprint of Waterfront Framing & Design, you'll find an artistically styled boutique.

Valerie immediately saw the new space as an opportunity to be playful with artistically curated pieces to include furniture, home décor, paper goods, clothing and accessories that complement what is already offered by downtown retailers. With the ultimate goal to be a part of a community-wide shopping experience for local residents and visitors, the new space will operate as **b.grace bou-tique** and will be managed by **Emily Byrnes** creating a mother/daughter management team.

For many people looking to sell their homes or businesses, staging and design work has made a huge difference on asking price and selling price. This is one of the many reasons **Cynthia Deitemeyer's Elite Home Staging & Design by Cynthia** has expanded to their new warehouse and office space at 6681 US. Hwy 31 in Berrien Springs. You're likely familiar with the building as it has been the recent home to **Exquisite Homes of Michigan** and previously was home to **Erhard Furniture**. We will be gathering together to celebrate with Cynthia with her official ribbon cutting for her new warehouse and office space on **Thursday, June 10th at 4:00 pm**.

On Friday, July 9th at 10:00 am, we will be gathering at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center to celebrate the completion of the Priscilla Upton Byrns Walking Trail and Gardens. This 1/6 mile beautifully landscaped tail includes access to a picnic area, a second area with flag poles and brick paver, and was made possible through grants and donations.

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The entire staff invites you to join them for their Appreciation Celebration of the completed project. Starting back in 2018 they were awarded grants from Spectrum Lakeland Health Foundation and the Frederick S. Upton Foundation along with significant contributions from Priscilla Upton Byrns' children, which started the development of the Priscilla Upton Byrns Walking Trail and Gardens. The Betty Kohn Outdoor Fitness Zone was funded by Bob & Betty Kohn and completed in the fall of 2018. In 2020 the expansion of their picnic table area along with a canopy for shade was funded by Dr. Jack Porritt and Erika Mauerman funded the serene area with flag poles and brick pavers. These generous donations along with the numerous contributions made by their members have made this dream a reality. RSVP's for the event are required and can be sent to directorsjlsc@comcast.net or by calling 269-429-7768.

If you'd like more information about any of these upcoming events, find current members, learn more about the Chamber, or discover member benefits – simply visit our website **smrchamber.com**. You're also more than welcome to reach out to me directly at **sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com** or 269-932-4040. We look forward to seeing and connecting with you soon!

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Dave Ramse good shape either way Dear Dave, whether to sell or keep a

rental property. Except for the property in question I'm debt-free, and I make \$90,000 a year. I owe \$20,000 on the property, and it is worth \$65,000. What do you think?

You're in

I can't decide

George Dear George,

You're in pretty good shape financially, and you could probably pay off the rental property in a year or two. So really, it's a matter of personal preference. I will say this; there's nothing worse than being a landlord if you don't want to be one.

It's not a bad thing to feel that way. Some folks have fun and enjoy landlording for a while, but then other things become more important. It's your life and your feelings that matter at this point

If you still enjoy dabbling in real estate and being a landlord, go for it. If the shine has worn off, get rid of the place. If the latter is the case, you'll get the responsibility of being a landlord off your back and become debt-free all at the same time! -Dave

Long distance flip? Dear Dave.

I've been following your advice for about a year. I'm almost out of debt, and I live on a budget, but looking toward the future it seems like it will be very difficult to save up for a down payment on a home. I live in Chicago, and property prices are very expensive. I have a friend in

MailMax for Michigan's Great Southwest **Dave Savs**

> Georgia who suggested I buy a less expensive property there, then fix it up and flip it to make the money I would need for a down payment. What do you think of this idea?

Erik Dear Erik,

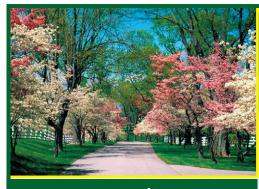
When you take on the kind of work you're talking about, you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew, and having to handle a dozen other issues tied to the project. Plus, you can't just walk up to a house or see it online, buy it, and expect to come out ahead in the deal

People who flip houses for a living professionally eyeball dozens, sometimes hundreds, of properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something I'd recommend doing from a distance. In short, I wouldn't do it, Erik. Fixing and flipping properties is a hands-on business, and trying to do it from 700 miles away would be a nightmare.

Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. I'd consider getting a part-time job for a while to add to the down payment fund before I'd try to fix and flip a house that far away. -Dave

• Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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 Ramsev Solutions.

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David Platt, in his book, Radical, tells the story of what hap-

standing outside of a Buddhist temple in Indonesia. As he stood there, he got into a conversation with two people-a Buddhist leader and a Muslim leader. Both of them embraced what seemed to be a very reasonable belief. They believed that, while there were superficial differences among the major religions, all of them basically taught the same thing. Then they asked David Platt what he thought.

He said, "It sounds as though you both picture God at the top of a mountain. It seems as if you believe that we are all at the bottom of the mountain, and I may take one route up the mountain, you may take another, and in the end, we will all end up in the same place."

To this, the Buddhist and the Muslim *ing down to save me. Amen.* said, "Exactly! You understand!"

But then he leaned in and said, "Now let me ask you a question. What would you think if I told you that the God at the top of the mountain actually came down to where we are? What would you think if I told you that God doesn't wait for people to find their way to him, but instead he comes to us?"

MailMax for Michigan's Great Southwest The Good News of the Bible

The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom. 1 Corinthians 1:25

> They both thought for a moment and then responded, "That would be great!"

David Platt then replied, "Let me intropened when he was duce you to Jesus."

Current human wisdom believes that all forms of spirituality are essentially the same. Such a belief seems logical. Without question, it's very convenient. And it's dead wrong

Never forget how radical the message of the Bible really is. It's not about our getting up to God. It's about God coming down to us in the person of Jesus Christ. It's not about making ourselves holy before God. It's about God living a holy life in our place. And it's not about cleansing ourselves of our wrongs. It's about God going to the cross to wash our sins away.

Thank God that this is the good news the Bible has to share.

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While staffing issues continue to plague many manufacturers across the region, virtually all industrial firms are back to work as the West Michigan Industrial Economy's recovery "roars." That's the thumbnail assessment of Dr. Brian Long, Director of Supply Chain Management Research at Grand Valley State University in his monthly recap on the state of the region's industrial health. Long tells us that according to the data he collected over the last two weeks of April, the West Michigan industrial economy "continues to expand at a significant pace." His all-important New Orders Index, the index of business improvement, posted in at +46, just slightly below the previous month's +51. The Production Index, which is termed "output" by many economists, remained strong but tapered modestly to +29 from +33. Meanwhile, activity in the purchasing offices, Long's Purchasing Index, eased to +44 from +51. Professor Long says, "Just like last month, much of the industrial market continues to experience spot shortages and shipment delays for a wide range of industrial commodities with no immediate end in sight," and adds, "This month's index of Lead Times set another record of +93, which in turn kept the Price Index at near record levels. In general, the mood has turned cautiously optimistic, although many supply chain professionals find themselves at record levels of stress." Long notes, "Further expansion in the region is severely limited by the inability of many firms to hire additional workers." Fortunately, he suggests, "Industrial inflation — so far — is not spilling over to the consumer sector. The rate of inflation for the national and international surveys are at near record highs, so something's gotta give!" Dr. Long notes that although some analysts suggest that the industrial MailMax for Michigan's Great Southwest

markets should begin to normalize by late summer, Chris Williamson, Chief Business Economist at IHS Markit, shared this analysis: "U.S. manufacturers reported the biggest boom in at least 14 years during April. Demand surged at a pace not seen for 11 years amid growing recovery hopes and fresh stimulus measures. Supply chain delays worsened, however, running at the highest yet recorded by the survey, choking production at many companies. Worst affected were consumer-facing firms, where a lack of inputs has caused production to fall below order book growth to a record extent in over the past two months as household spending leapt higher. Suppliers have been able to command higher prices due to the strength of demand for inputs, pushing material costs higher at a rate not seen since 2008. Attempts to expand capacity via hiring extra staff gained further momentum. though in some cases staff shortages were an additional constraint on production. However, with confidence in the outlook continuing to run at one of the highest levels seen over the past seven years, buoyed by vaccine rollouts and stimulus, further investment in production capacity should be seen in coming months, helping alleviate some of the price pressures." Turning attention specifically to the auto industry sector, Dr. Long says, "Most every major news outlet has made mention of automotive production at many different plants being inhibited by the worldwide shortage of computer chips. As a result, many auto dealers are down to minimal inventories in a market where consumer demand continues to rise." He adds, "Last month, Automotive News posted sales for the first quarter which greatly exceeded expectations. Although the Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate for March posted at a respectable 16.5 million units, the April rate vaulted to 18.5 million units, a near-record high. Pentup demand, consumer liquidity fueled by the stimulus outlays, low interest rates, and rising consumer confidence were all cited as reasons for the strong April report." Although most auto manufacturers are now reporting quarterly, those who still report monthly included Hyundai Kia, up 127.1-percent year-overyear, Toyota rising 182.6-percent, Honda gaining

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171.0-percent, and Ford adding 64.8-percent. Of course, in April of 2020, almost all showrooms were closed, so 2021 sales were widely expected to double. Brian Finkelmever of Cox Automotive further comments: "The market is being driven by inventory right now, not incentives, and it is only getting worse as the chip shortage continues. Most dealers are scrambling to secure inventory in any way they can. Those who aren't paying close enough attention are losing out to those who are managing it more efficiently. The industry's average supply of vehicles - 65 days in an ideal market - is on track to fall into the 30s soon." Shifting his focus to the realm of employment, Dr. Long notes that for March, which was the latest moth of data available for his report, Michigan unemployment edged down to 5.1 from 5.2-percent. He adds, "Although many firms have numerous vacancies there simply isn't anyone left to hire. Hence, for our West Michigan survey, the Employment Index came in at +23, down significantly from the ten year high of +40 reported last month. Except for numerous pockets of weakness in the office furniture business, the West Michigan industrial economy remains on a roll. The major segments of COVID-19 unemployment in West Michigan remain in the entertainment and hospitality industries, not with the industrial firms." When it comes to future forecasting, Professor Long relies on a measure of confidence from the local industrial sector and reports that such confidence "appears to be stabilizing." He tells us that the Short-Term Business Outlook Index for April, which asks local firms about the business perception for the next three to six months, rose modestly to +44 from +41. For the Long-Term Business Outlook Index, which queries the perception for the next three to five years, the index was virtually unchanged at +39, down from +40 Both of those measurements are now at or near three-year highs. Summarizing things, Professor Long suggests that, "By almost any standard, 2021 will be a historical year for the U.S. economy. The average

estimates of annual growth are running between 7and 9-percent, which will be the fastest growth rate in over sixty years. Needless to say, a growth rate of this magnitude is not sustainable. It is being fueled by unprecedented peace-time borrowing, massive stimulus packages, low interest rates, and the hope that inflation will somehow be held at bay." He adds, "The current wave of industrial inflation has not spilled over to the consumer market, and the **Federal Reserve** leadership contends that a new round of inflation is unlikely. Hence, some economists are looking ahead to 2023 and 2024 when most of the stimulus money has been spent and the debt levels of all types will be at record highs," and concludes, "Their concern is justified."

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You always have to wonder, and perhaps worry, whether your timing is right when you step up to the window and launch a new business. Especially when your launch coincides with rapid movement across the world of a global pandemic. Well, in the case of

2Creative of Southwest Michigan, believe it or not that proved to be perfect timing. As 2Creative, the boutique marketing shop anchored in St. Joe in the region, celebrates their first anniversary in business, they are also celebrating the addition of a new national client to the fold. Sibling owners, Mason Johnson and Dawn Williams, have found success despite

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shutdowns, lockdowns, being relegated to virtual discussions and more. Williams tells us, "As it turns out, we launched at the ideal time," noting, "With most of the world working remotely and businesses in need of fast, affordable ways to keep their brand relevant, we were in this unique position to cut to the chase with clients. Mason and I are sort of hardwired to quickly identify a brand's strengths and weaknesses then seamlessly create the marketing solutions." No strangers to award-winning campaign work, the launch of 2Creative in May of last year attracted numerous opportunities, but they stuck to their vision of partnering with a handful of clients ready for a fresh perspective. One such account is a new, fast food franchise to the U.S. called Crazy King Burrito. Johnson says, "Our skill set, design approach, and years of promotional experience was a perfect match for this awesome client," adding, "Not to mention, the chance to help a brand define its voice, look and personality

from the ground up is one of the single most satisfying challenges for a creative." Crazy King Burrito originated in Cozumel, Mexico where it remains a favorite stop for delicious, authentic food made fresh daily by a husband and wife team who use family recipes that have been passed down for generations. While on vacation on the island in 2015, Southwest Michigan residents Dave Schuck and Karen Garlanger fell in love with the restaurant and decided to work toward bringing it back to the States. With the first franchise opening soon in the college town of Dayton, Ohio and more on the horizon, 2Creative is thrilled to be named the agency of record for all corporate marketing needs for Crazy King Burrito. That includes print to digital campaigns, in-house messaging, promotions, broadcast, and social media management. For more information on Crazy King Burrito or for franchise information, you can visit www.crazykingburrito.org.

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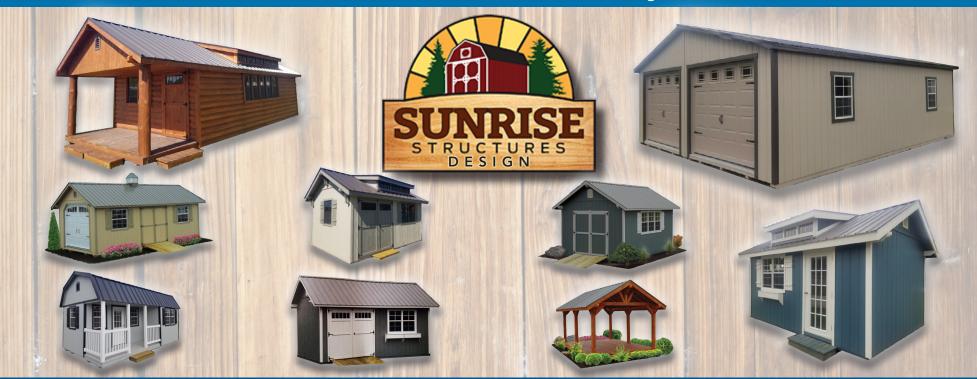
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I was the luckiest dude on earth last week. I visited Carmel, Indiana, where No. 2 Granddaughter (7 months) lives with No. 1 son and No. 2 daughter-in-law,

AND where we were joined by No. 1 Grandson (3-1/2) and No. 1 Granddaughter (1-1/2), who were on a trip with their parents, No. 2 son and No. 1 daughter-in-law.

(If these numerical designations confuse you, the best way to understand my system is to read my very first column, from 2003, and then read every other column I've written since then. Simple! And fun!)

Speaking of fun, what a wonderful time I had! My grandchildren are sooooo cute, intelligent, and lively! The only dissonant moment was when I told them they are the finest grandkids in the entire cosmos, which prompted an instant of sadness for all other grandchildren.

Anyway, I won't drone on about every amazing and wonderful thing they did. Instead, I'll drone on with these anecdotes

Anecdote: So, No. 2 son and his family were on a trip. And what a trip! - they're permanently relocating, from CA (Scotts Valley) to MA (Woods Hole). That's 3,206.1 miles. Driving. In a two-car

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convoy, each with a parent, a child and a pet. Responsibilities were divvied up pretty fairly: Driving to the parents; playing with toys, getting antsy, stops to romp away the antsies, and napping to the kids and pets.

I tried to worm my way into this journey by volunteering to drive one of their vehicles. But they decided I wouldn't add significant value, since my cross-country travel regimen consists of driving, getting antsy, stops to romp away the antsies, and napping.

Anecdote: No. 2 Granddaughter has a LOT of fun toys! I got kind of drawn in by one toy in particular. It's a sort of abacus: Wooden blocks that spin on metal rods. One side of each block pictures an animal, and the letter of the alphabet the critter's name starts with.

Eventually, I found myself pondering the toymaker's choice of animals. For example, the aardvark is the "A" animal. I totally get that, because it's great fun to teach a child as soon as possible that many words have completely superfluous extra letters! The grandkids laughed and laughed when I explained that.

But wait, the "U" block features a unicorn! Which I'm pretty sure isn't an actual animal, right? Sure, it's easily recognizable, because of the horn, but the toymaker already played that card by having the narwhal represent "N"!

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Why, they could've shown a monkey called the uakari. Although there's already a generic "monkey" on "M." Well, maybe a uromastyx, a sort of spiny lizard. Hmmmm, too much like the iguana on "I"? My grands and I decided to table this for later discussion

Next we pondered the "X" block, which shows an X-ray of a fish! C'mon, there are real animals with names starting with X! The most commonly known one is, well, an X-ray of a fish - it's called the X-ray Tetra, because you can see it's whole little skeleton through its transparent flesh.

Wow, come to think of it, in a way, the toymaker sorta got it right! The kids and I agreed upon it. And not a moment too soon! - it was time to romp away our antsies and nap!

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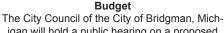
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The hearing will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple St., Bridgman, MI 49106 and remotely by electronic conferencing. The instructions for joining this meeting will be available on the city's website: www.bridgman.org.

Citizens wishing to comment on the proposed budget may do so by attending the meeting in person or remotely and speak under the public hearing section, write a letter and send it to

Allyson Holm, City Clerk by email at aholm@ bridgman.org or by mail at 9765 Maple St., Bridgman, MI 49106.

The proposed budget will be available on the city's website at www.bridgman.org on May 24, 2021. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be considered at the regular meeting of the City Council on June 21, 2021.

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