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Harbor Town Interiors: We Want to Pass the Torch, Not Put It Out

The three owners of a successful business in downtown St. Joseph say they are looking for the 'Perfect Person' to write the next chapter of a story they lovingly began twelve years ago, and believe has many more chapters to be

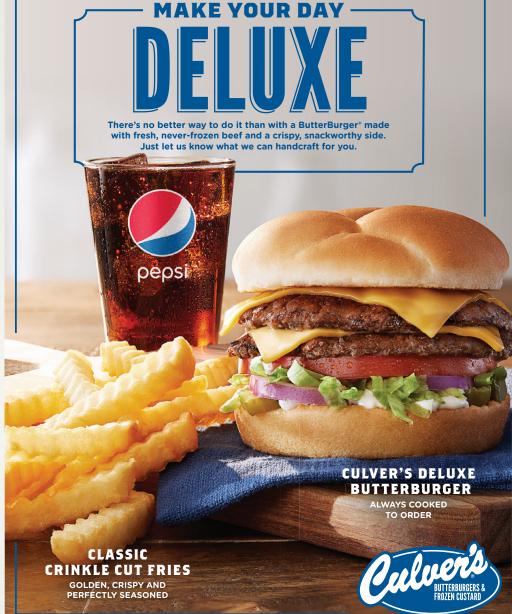
Harbor Town Interiors is located at 613 Broad Street-across the street from the Old City Hall and Fire Station, now Broad Street Café. Harbor Town is an upscale furniture and home décor business, but, its owners say, it's really so much more! It's the home base for their successful interior design business throughout the region, even extending into the Chicago market. They want to find an entrepreneurial individual who shares their vision, and then do everything they can to help that person be successful as the new owner of Harbor Town Interiors.

Stephanie Grill, MaryKay Hylton and Kerry Cressler have owned and operated Harbor Town Interiors since 2010. Grill and Hylton sat down with MoodyOnTheMarket. com to talk about their vision for the future and the legacy they hope to leave with a new owner/designer.

Hylton told us, "We want to pass the torch, not put it out! We're in our 60s, It's time. Maybe not next week or next month, but it's time. We're ready to phase out, but not just quit and go out of business!"

Hylton and Grill point out that they have a successful, growing business that can continue to grow into the future. "It just needs the next passionate entrepreneur to build on the past success. And then inject their own new vision and energy!"

Hylton sees that person this way: "They LOVE houses. And they love looking at great houses and furniture." And they truly enjoy Continued on page 14





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downside of winter and spring is just around the corner. The transitions from 40s and bright sunny skies to snow storms and back into the 20s. It's

the weather there is plenty to do right here in levels to choose from: dinner, wine and Michigan's Great Southwest!

It's not too late to enjoy Winter Delights tonight at The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College. Tonight, Winter Delights is going to sizzle with an unforgettable night of music on the Mainstage that

We are on the Pure Michigan and we love it! Regardless of will get you on your feet. There are three chocolate tasting and the 8pm performance by the fantastic Las Cafeterias!

> Our next performance is brought to you by the Twin City Players with their production of Silent Sky, March 4 through 20.

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the universe and influences the work of

Edwin Hubble, among others. Over a centu-

ry later, these ground-breaking discoveries

about the universe are still vital today. If you

liked the movie Hidden Figures, you

wouldn't want to miss this "luminously

beautiful play" that will change how you look at both the heavens and the earth.

St. Joseph for our next event, **March Mannequins**, March 11. Watch storefronts

of participating businesses come alive during March Mannequins in downtown St.

Joseph. Windows will display community

volunteers as they pose perfectly still, like mannequins. You can vote for your favorite!

St. Joseph at Krasl Art Center brings you

their **March Family Day**, March 12. Spring is almost here! Prepare for the thaw by

painting terracotta pots for your favorite

flowers with Miss Dani during KAC's Free

Family Days. The class is free and open to

all ages. Space is limited so register (required) early. Masks are required to par-

There is more happening in downtown

We leave the stage and go to downtown

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Our next event takes you back to The Mendel Center March 15, for Mo Rocca, part of the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speaker series. Humorist, journalist, and actor Mo Rocca is best known for his off-beat news reports and satirical commentary. Currently a correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning, Rocca is also the host of CBS's series The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation. Rocca's podcast Mobituaries and New York Times bestselling book of the same name reflect an irreverent but deeply researched appreciation of the people (and things) of the past who have long intrigued him-from an unsung Founding Father to the first Chinese-American superstar, from Neanderthals to the station wagon. During the moderated conversation "Mobituaries with Mo Rocca: Great Lives Worth Reliving," he will provide an inside look at how his long love of obituaries spawned the Mobituaries podcast.

There are three live performances at The Acorn the first half of March (2, 10, 12) respectively. They are the **Jen Trio Benefit Concert, An Acorn Evening with Terri Hemmert: hosted by Janet Davies,** and **Brass from the Past.**

For details on all of the fun and interesting things to do in Michigan's *Great* Southwest be sure to visit www.swmichigan.org. We'll be back in a couple of weeks to share more opportunities for fun in this beautiful area we call home.

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Squirreling Away for Winter
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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BLOOD	FIRE	SAFETY
COMPASSION	FIRST AID	SHORTAGE
CPR	HEALTH	TRAINING
CRISIS	HUMANITARIAN	URGENT
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For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ~ Romans 10:12,13

Of all the words you could pick to describe Christianity, would "inclusive" be one of them? Many people would say,

Christianity is too exclusive." But does the Bible passage you just read sound discriminatory?

The apostle Paul wrote those words. His life's work was spreading the good news of Christianity, and he did not discriminate with it. Paul was Jewish, but he told non-Jewish people about Jesus. Paul was a man, but he told women about Jesus. Paul had a religious upbringing, but he told the unreligious about Jesus.

Why is the Christian message so inclusive? Because God wants to include all people in his kingdom. He wants all people to be saved-including you! Isn't that amazing? It makes God happy to include you.

Christianity is for everyone. That's why Paul's words here are so inclusive. But did you also notice how exclusive they are? You cannot believe anything that you want to. Paul did not write, "Everyone who calls on whatever will be

God is more exclusive than that. He does not tolerate faith in just anyone or anything. In this, he is like a doctor. When you're sick, the doctor doesn't prescribe medicine that he randomly

picked. He administers what he knows will help you. He wants to give you the medicine that will cure vour ailment.

God works the same way. All human beings suffer from the same problem—sin. Therefore, all human beings need the same solution—the Lord

So why is the Christian message so exclusive? Because there is only one Savior. We need a salvation that is all God's work and not ours, and we have it in Jesus Christ. Only Jesus is the Godman who loved the world so much he gave up his life on the cross for everyone who ever has lived, is living, or will live.

When Christians speak the good news about Jesus, they are just like sick people telling other sick people where to find the cure. God promises eternal salvation to everyone who calls on Christ

Prayer: Lord of all, bless me when I call on

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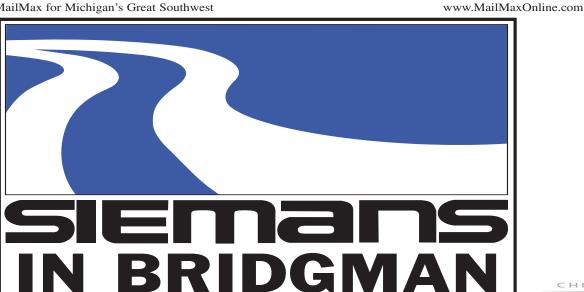
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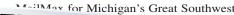






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Makers Trail Festival, Buchanan Restaurants, and more OH MY! Spoonholtz, Regional Director, SMR Chamber

Cruising through the month of February we are only a few short days away from March, where is this year going?! As Arthur mentioned in his article last weekend, this Thursday the Berrien County Commissioners approved the resolution to (once again) declare March Restaurant **Month**, which provides a great opportunity for all of us to show love and support to our favorite

merce has taken the lead officially declaring March 1st - 8th Restaurant Week in Red Bud City! If you haven't had the chance to try one of their restaurants, this is a great week to do so either by eating in, getting takeout, or purchasing a gift card for later.

ibly impressive and includes everything from fast food to family friendly comfort classics or fine dining and your favorite beer, wine or cideries. The full list includes: Bucktown Nutrition, Cameron's, Gary Z's Sub Shop, Gustavsen Cafe, Hickory Creek Winery, Hilltop Cafe, JD's Family Diner, Lehman's Brewery & Farmhouse, McCoy Creek Tavern, McDonald's, Milano's Pizza, Orchard Hills Country Club, Pizza Hut, River Saint Joe, Tabor Hill Winery, Tasty Chen's, Union Coffee House, and Sweet Shop Italiano.

If you've been looking for an excuse to try some of these places, this is a perfect opportunity to do so! I can tell you from experience that many of these places have been added to the list of "must haves" when my friends and I go out.

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also be able to dance the day and into the night away with Red Deluxe, Pablo's Great Revenge, food and beverage establishments. The Tribute Band, and Top Secret. And yes, The Buchanan Area Chamber of Comthere will be delicious food too! Makers Trail Festival is a cash only event, and there will be free shuttle service from designated parking lots to the Beach and back. Come rain or shine! There will be plenty of room for you under the big tents. You're welcome to bring your own camp chairs. However, please leave The list of participating restaurants is incredyour pets, coolers, drinks, and food outside the gates - they are not allowed on the festival grounds. Tickets are available now for the advance pricing of \$10 each, day of they will increase to \$20 at the gate! You can purchase your tickets

> If you'd like to chat more about Restaurant Week in Buchanan, Berrien County Restaurant Month, Makers Trail Festival, or simply want more information about the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and upcoming events or programming - feel free to reach out! 269-932-4040 or sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com

now at: makerstrailfest.bpt.me

Now, if the warmer weather earlier this week

was enough to get your brain to think of summer

fun, make sure you put this next event on your

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Hylton says the person may have a degree in Interior Design or a similar field, or just a longtime interest. And they are at a point in their life where they can now devote time to pursuing that interest. "For that person, this would be the perfect business opportunity!"

"In a way," Hylton said, "We were buying ourselves jobs 12 years ago. And that might be the case with the next owner. You know what they say, 'Love what you do and you'll never WORK a day! That's really how it's been for

Hylton, Grill and Cressler formed their business partnership after working together at Great Lakes Interiors, a Holland-based furniture and décor store with several locations. Great Lakes took over the historic Troost Brothers furniture store half a block from the current Harbor Town location. Grill says Great Lakes was quite successful here, but the chain got dragged down by problems elsewhere. So, when it shut down, the three banded together to start their own business.

"We're interior design, home décor and furniture. Quality is our niche. Quality and personal service," says Grill. She believes there is plenty of room in the market for full line furniture stores to co-exist with Harbor Town. "We're not direct competitors with Schroeder or Slumberland. They have great products and we often make referrals. However our customers sometimes want something a little more personalized or specialized."

Hylton says it's surprising how many of their design and décor consulting clients just walk in off the street while visiting downtown St. Joseph for a weekend or a vacation. "Or they're just downtown shopping and are looking for that 'one special piece.' They come in, find what they're looking for and come back weeks or months later with a design project. It's amazing how often it works that way."

Hylton and Grill have particular praise and gratitude to Cornerstone Alliance and the Women's Business Center of Cornerstone for all the assistance they received back in 2010 when they created their business plan, obtained financing and opened their doors. Hylton recalled, "They were crucial to our start-up and our ability to survive and prosper in the beginning. We couldn't have done it without Cornerstone and the resources it provided us."

Hylton said the confidence they gained drove Harbor Town to combine and occupy what had been two storefronts, allowing them to immediately get into furniture as well as décor and design consulting. The space was leased, however later Grill became the owner of the building and looks forward to leasing to the next owner of Harbor Town.

If you think YOU might be that passionate entrepreneur to write the next chapter in the business life of Harbor Town Interiors, contact MaryKay Hylton or Stephanie Grill in confidence at 269-983-7774. Email:

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Journalist Elizabeth Vargas Joins **Economic Club Speaker Series in May**

The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speaker Series, hosted by The Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, welcomes journalist Elizabeth Vargas on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Vargas, an Emmy Award-winning journalist, has traveled the world covering breaking news stories, reporting in-depth investigations, and conducting newsmaker interviews. She is the host of America's Most Wanted and of the podcast Heart of the Matter. She most recently co-hosted the hit newsmagazine show 20/20 and previously served as co-anchor of ABC World News Tonight, anchor of World News Tonight Sunday, news anchor and frequent co-host on ABC Good Morning America, correspondent for 20/20 and Primetime Thursday, and was the co-anchor of Primetime Monday.

During the historic Iraqi elections in December 2005, she reported extensively for World News Tonight from Baghdad on both civilian life in Iraq and American military involvement there. She has interviewed leaders from around the world, including President Bush from the oval office in the White House.

Vargas has also anchored ABC News coverage of live, breaking news stories including the deaths of President Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy, Jr., as well as Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the U.S. Gulf Coast. Her story on the hero NICU nurses of Hurricane Sandy was part of the ABC News' Peabody Award winning coverage. Vargas won an

Emmy in 2000 for Outstanding Instant Coverage of a News Story for anchoring live coverage of the Elian Gonzalez case.

In 2016, Vargas released her memoir, Between Breaths: A Memoir of Panic and Addiction. The book details her struggles with anxiety and alcohol, and tells a powerful story of healing and coping. Vargas currently serves on the board of directors for the Partnership to End Addiction.

During "Behind the Headlines with Elizabeth Vargas," Vargas bravely discusses how alcoholism has affected her life and career, and why she chose to publicly share her struggle with the disease and her ongoing recovery. With her signature candor and insight, she also provides a behind-the-scenes look at today's live news reporting and ever-evolving media.

Reserved seats (\$50 - \$80) and dinner tickets (sold separately) (\$35) are on sale now online at www.TheMendelCenter.com/events, by calling 269-927-8700, option 1, or by visiting The Mendel Center Box Office in person. The box office is open weekdays from 10 am

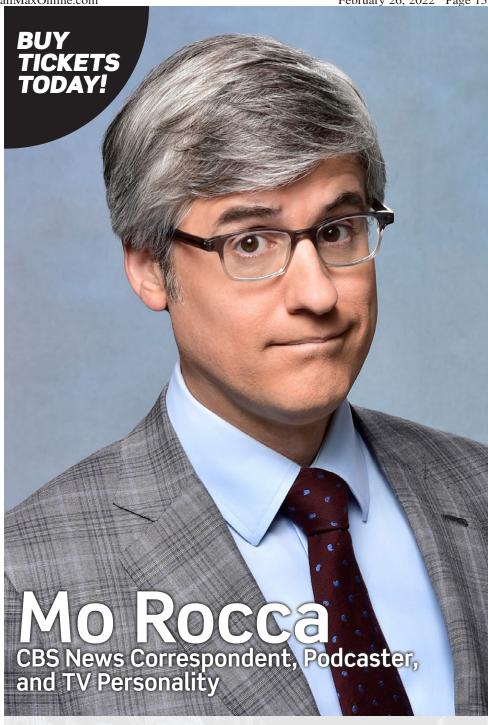
High school and college students are invited to attend a free Student Q&A session with Vargas beginning at 6:25 pm in Grand Upton Hall.

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Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 pm

Humorist, journalist, and actor Mo Rocca is best known for his off-beat news reports and satirical commentary. Currently a correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning, Rocca is also the host of CBS's series The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation. Rocca's podcast Mobituaries and New York Times bestselling book of the same name reflect an irreverent but deeply researched appreciation of the people (and things) of the past who have long intrigued him—from an unsung Founding Father to the first Chinese-American superstar, from Neanderthals to the station wagon. During this moderated conversation he will provide an inside look at how his long love of obituaries spawned the Mobituaries podcast.

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Watching the Winter Olympics, it was abundantly clear that some of the smaller countries - Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Andorra – just don't have enough population to draw from to field

dominant teams. But I bet they'd do great competing against the kind of nations I wrote about last week micronations! Let's visit some more of these "places," starting with. .

Molossia is a "nation" located on 1.3 acres of scrubby land in Nevada, U.S.A. It was founded in 1977 by two teenagers, and originally named the Kingdom of Vuldstein. It existed in co-founder Kevin Baugh's bedroom for more than 20 years. until Baugh bought the property that serves as the current "homeland."

Two important things I learned about Molos-

It's currency is called the "valora," which is equal to 100 "futtrus." The valora's value is pegged to the relative value of Pillsbury cookie dough.

Molossia has an active space program - the citizens (Baugh's family) launch model rockets every so often.

Next up: Atlantium. Located in the Australian state of New South Wales, Atlantium was another micronation "founded" by teenagers, and its first physical territory was a 110-square foot plot of land in one of the teens' backyards in suburban Sydney. Atlantium's first ruler was George Cruikshank, who, interestingly, named himself Emperor George II.

Nextup: Whangamomona. Whangamomona is a small town basically in the middle of nowhere near the west coast of New Zealand's north island. I don't understand anything about the intricacies of New Zealand's regional council boundaries, but a dispute over an adjustment to Whangamomona's boundary led the couple-hundred citizens to declare "The

Where to Go If You Whanga-be President! Republic of Whangamomona" in November, 1989.

The town's protest eventually faded, but to jazz up tourist interest, Republic Day continues to be celebrated in Whangamomona. Although, prudently, it now takes place in January to take advantage of better "tourist weather."

Every Whangamomona Republic Day, a new President is elected. The following rundown of these contests tells you just how seriously Whangamomonans take their elections:

The nation's first president was Ian Kjestrup, who was put on the ballot without his knowledge.

Billy Gumboot the Goat was elected in 1999 -- the first elected animal. His landslide win was clouded by suspicion that he ate the ballots cast for his competition.

The third President, Tai the Poodle, was attacked by a huge rival dog while serving, in what some consider an assassination attempt. Tai was left unfit for fulfill the duties of President, so he was succeeded by. .

Murt Kennard aka Murtle the Turtle This local garage owner fought off strong competition from former President Kjestrup and a cross-dresser called "Miriam" to become the 4th President.

Vicki Pratt became Whangamomona's first female President in 2015. She didn't pursue the post too avidly, it appears: "I was somehow picked while working in the kitchen."

The current chief of state is John Herlihy, who won a 2017 election versus a cat named Ted. He was reelected in 2019, defeating, among others, a stuffed teddy bear named Maketoni, a cockatoo named Sherman, and a sheep named Eunice. A great deal of controversy ensued during the campaign, when Eunice the sheep went missing. And things got murkier when visitors to the 2019 Republic Day festival noticed that at the event's traditional barbecue, there was a special sale on mutton sandwiches.

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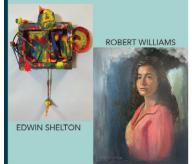
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The City of Bridgman March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2:30 p.m.
- = Organizational Meeting
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. = Appeal Hearing Thursday, March 17, 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. = Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2022 assessments. By board resolution, taxpavers are able to protest by letter sent to the City of Bridgman Assessor, 9765 Maple St, Bridgman, MI 49106, provided protest is received prior to March 8, 2022.

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The City of Bridgman Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, March 17. 2022 at 7:00 p.m. EST, with the regular meeting to start at 6:30 p.m. at the Bridgman City Hall. 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit marijuana secure transport businesses.

This meeting is open to the public and this notice is posted in compliance with Open Meeting Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261, et seq., and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids should contact the City Clerk by writing or calling the following: Allyson Holm, City Clerk (269) 465-5144, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

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