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Moody on The Market



Acorn Theater Buying Its Building

Since its creation in

2003, the Acorn Theater in Three Oaks has been owned and operated by David Fink (and partner Kim Clark), who saw a vision for the sweet Southwest Michigan town as a hub of entertainment and performing arts. Today, the non-profit Acorn Theater organization celebrates the acquisition of 107 Generations Drive, after the sale of the building has been finalized.

"I leave with a tremendous amount of confidence in the theater's future,' says David Fink. In his ownership, and as a fellow performer and artist, Fink has seen the ups and downs of running a theater, but knows the Acorn will only continue to thrive and grow under the groups new ownership. Concerts, plays, benefits, open mic nights, and one of a kind performances have graced the stage for nearly twenty years, and they have no plans on stopping anytime soon.

In 2015, the Acorn became a non-profit, and has since added new staff members, board members, Executive Director (Beth Kaskel), and Board of Directors Chairman (Laura Madsen Jolly). Executive Director Beth Kaskel says, "We are so excited to embark upon this next chapter of growth and development for The Acorn. The purchase of our building will help position us for an exciting future! You'll see more diverse programming and partnerships with local organizations, and we encourage you to join us on our journey to provide the very best cultural/performing arts experience in southwest Michigan."

There are many improvements to the building that the organization has in mind, including adding a new outdoor event space to the rear of the building, and sprucing up artist and guest amenities. "We will be announcing plans for community engagement soon, as we embark upon a building campaign to support and maintain The Acorn's physical home," the organization says.

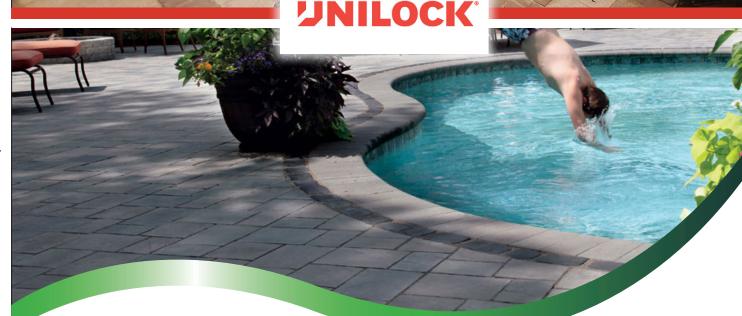
The Acorn's performance calendar is overflowing with events for this season, from movie nights, folk bands, jazz performers, alt-rocks groups, stageplays, Harbor Country Pride celebrations, and so much more. Check out the

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Brandon Haney, Championship Director





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Witness Golf's Best at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

Championship at Harbor Shores. Each been memorable in its own way, but there's something different in the air this year as we

For the fifth time since 2012, some of the count down to that first tee time. Maybe it's the best in senior golf will make their way to fact that the weather is finally showing signs of Benton Harbor in hopes of securing the spring here in Southwest Michigan, or perhaps it's the pent-up excitement as the Championship KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship has returns from its COVID hiatus. In my opinion, a big part of what is fueling the anticipation for

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Fun & Interesting Things to Do in Michigan's Great Southwest



all the fun and interesting things happening Michigan's Great Southwest. We start with a wonderful performance at The Ghostlight, May 19-29, Little Women. Based on Louisa May Executive Director, Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council Alcott's 1868-69 semi-autobiographical two-vol-

t's the perfect time to enjoy

ume novel, it focuses on the four March sisterstraditional Meg, wild, aspiring writer Jo, timid Beth and romantic Amy, and their beloved mother Marmee, at home in Concord, Massachusetts, while their father is away serving as a Union Army chaplain during the Civil War. Intercut with the vignettes in which their lives unfold are several recreations of the melodramatic short stories Jo writes in her attic

ARS Gallery presents the works of renowned artist Thomas Allen titled, Uncovered Fifteen Years, May 20. Thomas Allen is a career artist and freelance illustrator. His work, exhibited nationally and internationally, is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Target Corporation, Fidelity Investments, Microsoft, the Progressive Corporation, and Twitter. Allen's photo illustrations have appeared in over 50 publications worldwide including The New York Times Magazine, Vanity Fair, National Geographic, Newsweek, LeMonde, Telerama, and The Wall Street Journal. In 2010, he received a SPOTS Gold Award from The Society of Publication Designers and was nominated for an American Illustration Award in 2014 - both for his work with Harper's. The exhibit will run through July 10.

Last night was the opening reception for the Michiana Annual Arts Competition at the Box Factory for the Arts. For 2022, the MAAC features the works of 134 Michiana artists representing the mediums of photography, painting, drawing, 3D,

fiber arts, and assemblages/collage. The Galleries for this Exhibition are open today through July 3, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am-4pm with extended hours to 7pm on Thursdays. Be sure to visit the Box Factory to see the amazing amount of talent there is in this area.

There's also a lot of talent at the Compass Music Festival, May 21. People of all ages will enjoy this one-day, 8-hour music event set to the beautiful backdrop of Lake Michigan. This day will serve up continuous live music, delicious food, regional craft brews and wines. The lineup includes The Backups and The Get Downs, Jack Droppers & The Best Intentions, Mary Lambert, Morningsiders, and JP Saxe. All tickets give access to event grounds with no assigned seating. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone, or in person. Tickets are also available at the St. Joseph Today Welcome Center during regular business hours.

Join the folks at Lemon Creek Winery, May 28-29, for the Wine & Fine Art Festival. This twoday celebration of local art, music and wine will kick off the summer season with this family friendly, free event. A variety of mediums including painting, jewelry, stone work, ceramics and more will be featured by regional artists at this fun filled festival. Keith Scott, a Lemon Creek favorite, will be performing both Saturday and Sunday with a versatile mix of blues and rock.

Aloha, from the folks at Round Barn Winery! Meet them in their Southwest Michigan vineyard paradise for the annual Island Spirits Party, May 29. They'll be serving up a variety of tasty tropical cocktails, shaken up with Round Barn craft spirits. Turn your Lake Michigan weekend into an island getaway. Semple & Valentine, and PT & The Cruisers will be Jammin' in the Vineyard!

Be sure to visit www.swmichigan.org for details on these and other events. We'll be back in a couple of weeks with more fun things to do in southwest Michigan.

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Haney Continued from cover

May 25-29 is the 2022 field. Take a quick scan through the list of this year's players and you will see the names of the best senior golfers in the world. From past Champions to Ryder Cup captains and newcomers ready for their chance at greatness, this year is guaranteed to bring out the fierce competition one expects from a prestigious senior Championship.

Here are a few of the players I'm excited to watch this May, and why they are so meaningful to the Championship:

All four golfers who have won the Championship at Harbor Shores are in the field this year. This includes Roger Chapman (2012), Colin Montgomerie (2014), Rocco Mediate (2016), and Paul Broadhurst (2018). These four players know and love Harbor Shores - in fact, Colin Montgomerie vacationed here with

his family in 2020 and spent ample time out on the links; it has become a special place to i m h Montgomerie said it himself, "Whenever Jack Nicklaus does a signature golf course it's special, and this is a special golf

course." Will their historical knowledge of the course help bring them a repeat victory? It would be great to see any of these tried-and-true favorites hoist the trophy this year.

Next on my "watch" player list are our two 2020 Ryder Cup captains, Steve Stricker and Padraig Harrington. This will be both players' first time at Harbor Shores, and we know they've been warned that they're in for a real treat (as are we as fans getting to watch these two compete). What has me most excited is the opportunity to watch Stricker back in action. After his health scare back in November, Stricker hadn't played competitively since a PGA Tour Champions event back in early

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Back in March, 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Champion Alex Cejka visited Benton Harbor to get familiar with Southwest Michigan and to spend some time at Harbor Shores (envisioning exactly how he plans to defend his title, of course). Cejka loved every minute of his trip here, and we were honored to get to know this unique player and how he's been practicing and preparing. The week before the Senior PGA Championship, Cejka will be playing at Southern Hills, where he won the title last year, competing in the PGA Championship. Cejka's been on a roll...will it continue here at Harbor Shores? Nothing is impossible when you con-

sider the pure grit and talent of this incredible player.

Speaking of Southern Hills, Cejka isn't the only one who will be competing in the PGA Championship before making their way to Benton Harbor. John Daly, P a d r a i g

Harrington, Rich Beem, Shaun Micheel, Vijay Singh, and Y.E. Yang will also be heading our way after time in Tulsa.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a few other past Masters Champions that will be in our midst, including Fred Couples, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Larry Mize, Jose Maria Olazabal, Vijay Singh, and Mike Weir.

The course is in fantastic shape thanks to Superintendent of Harbor Shores Matt Vollrath, and it will certainly be a challenge for the players. The players will tee off for their first official round on Thursday, May 26th at 7:30 am. Trust me - you won't want to miss it.



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Feast of Victory

media account to discover, with the rest intended. A life that will flood our senses of the world, that his family had died in Kyiv trying to escape death. "I lost everyone," he said, "I lost the meaning of when everything seems lost. For Jesus life."

celebrate Easter this year. Surrounded by destruction and death, they may not feel much like celebrating.

brate, even to those shrouded by the world's worst atrocities. The reason is Easter, Jesus' resurrection is the death of is the deletion of disgrace. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Jesus will reign from now till the day of his return. On that victorious day, the dead will rise to live. This new life won't just offer an escape from everything bad. All who believe in him will

Serhiy Perebyinis opened his social experience and enjoy eternal life as God with good things.

No, we have not lost anything, even lives! And his resurrection guarantees Many in Ukraine may find it hard to that he can transform even the most painful human occurrence into good for his people.

So, raise a glass and raise the victory But God has given a reason to cele-cry: "This is our God. We trusted in him, and he saved us! Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!" (Isaiah 25:9)

Prayer: Jesus, take me with you death. It is the destruction of the devil. It from the grave of sin, doubt, sorrow, and death, and let me share in your victory, life, joy, and glory. Amen.

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INVESTOR SPOTLIGHT - TONY ANDERSON



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Over the years, I've thoroughly enjoyed working with investors, both new and seasoned, in providing cost-effective homes to support their growth and development. My investor spotlight this week is no exception. Tony Anderson was the first off-market disposition that kick-started nearly 100 houses sold in less than 3 years since being back from sunny Arizona. More so than just another local investor, Tony and I connected in a way that only comes about by having a sincere understanding of goals, ethics, and morals. We've become more than investment partners, we've become friends. I believe the reason we work so well together is that it's rarely about the money we make but about the impact we sow into our community and how we're better able to provide for our families. Check out Tony Anderson and how he's impacting southwest Michigan in big ways!

Tony Anderson - Tony embarked on his real estate investment journey back in 2007 after watching "Flip this House." After much thought and deliberation, he decided to give entrepreneurship a try. Just before the completion of his first flip, the 2008 crash occurred. Remodeling and selling were now off the table so creating a long-term rental strategy was best. Tony continued to purchase 2 to 3 houses on average per year, until last year, his largest group purchase of 8 homes was acquired.

Creating a rental investment company from scratch wasn't all sunshine and roses. With zero experience, 2am nights of sanding drywall, and finding Matchbox cars down the toilet, and the last thing a new

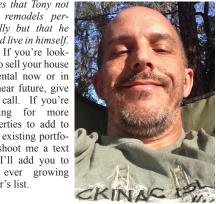
investor wants to hear; the excuses and every reason under the sun, why the rent is late. The vision that ensued and the motivation in working alongside father, wife, and son, building a family legacy, continues to drive his selfless efforts to this very day.

Tony's rental strategies have changed over the years, including partnering with real estate investment professionals like Nick Christe; entering into numerous transactions over the years. He considers himself a mix between Dave Ramsey and Grant Cardone in sentiment. Tony's goal is to get to 50 houses acquired and maximum community members served before retiring and traveling the world.

Tony is an example of the American Dream in action. With no college degree and only a high school education, he shows us all that hard work and determination are what it takes to get ahead in life while making a positive impact within the local community. As a reserve sheriff deputy with over 13 years of experience, and an acting supporting foster home family for nearly 5, he understands the challenges of life and uses these experiences when working with tenants in providing

homes that Tony not only remodels personally but that he would live in himself.

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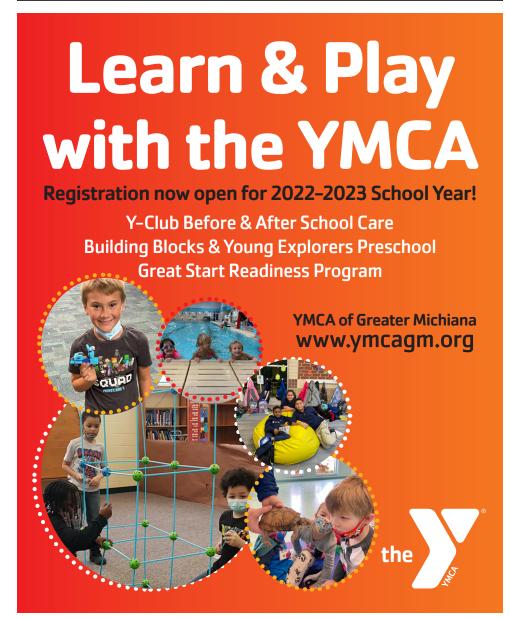




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Arthur Havlicek, President, SMR Chamber

The Governor and Michigan legislature are making budget decisions this month that will have decades-long implications for individuals and communities across the state. One way we believe they could positively impact the economic well-being of all Michiganders is by expanding Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

State Senator Wayne Schmidt from Traverse City has introduced Senate Bill 417 proposing a phase-in expansion of Michigan's EITC over four years, to a 30% match of the federal credit. In practical terms that takes the average benefit from \$150 to \$750 for Michigan working families. This would not only provide a significant tax cut for these individuals, it would also bolster our workforce and help get our local businesses back to full staffing.

The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and more than 80 other Michigan faith, business and public policy organizations, support Senator Schmidt's proposal as a cornerstone of Michigan's economic recovery post-pandemic. This week, we joined with several other business organizations from this broad coalition to send a letter of support for SB 417 to Governor Whitmer and the Legislature's four "Quadrant Leaders" - Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth, House Minority Leader Donna Lasinski, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich. Here is that letter, in full.

Date: 5/12/22

Re: Expansion of the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (SB 417)

Dear Governor Whitmer and Quadrant Leaders, Our chambers of commerce, representing thousands of businesses who employ countless Michiganders across the state, believe we have an opportunity before us to significantly increase the economic well-being of all Michiganders and build a market economy that as it grows benefits all. We can move closer to this goal by expanding Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) through legislation (Senate Bill 417) proposed by Senator Wayne Schmidt, and soon to be considered by the Senate Finance Committee. Passage of Senate Bill 417 would prompt a phase-in expansion of Michigan's EITC over four years, to a 30% match of the federal credit.

We support and applaud this legislation, as it exemplifies a pro-work philosophy and provides financial incentive to increase participation in the

EITC Expansion

workforce; as you are aware, workforce challenges are top-of-mind for the business community, and these challenges are predicted to continue for at least another decade. Nearly six in ten Michigan jobs pay less than what is required for a family of three to be considered middle class (\$47,000.) These struggling families are simply hard-workers, getting up every day and working hard to earn a living. What lowwage workers need most is income; not programs. Offsetting some tax responsibility through an expansion of the EITC will help boost earnings for struggling families, providing them an opportunity to step up and out of poverty toward meaningful economic security.

We offer a strong business case for the expansion of Michigan's EITC:

- The EITC encourages work: It is explicitly designed to encourage greater participation in the workforce because it is only available to families that work. In a time when many employers are having difficulty filling available jobs, the EITC has a proven track record of pulling people into the workforce.
- The EITC increases local purchasing power: Research indicates that families mostly use the EITC to pay for necessities, repair homes, maintain vehicles that are needed to commute to work and, in some cases, obtain additional education. The bigger the credit, the more money spent locally.

At an estimated cost of a half-billion dollars, the expansion of the EITC should serve as the cornerstone of the state's economic recovery plan post-pandemic. At the end of three years, as the Federal pandemic funds run out, an overall assessment of the program should be undertaken and determined if the higher level should be continued from general revenue sources.

We urge you to continue an open conversation that results in a winning solution for Michigan families and the Michigan economy, as well. We urge your support of Senate Bill 417. We stand ready to assist you in any way possible towards passage of this critical legislation.

Sincerely.

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The Acorn Theater describes itself as "a creative space and a creative force all in one. Homegrown in Three Oaks, Michigan, it's locally run by performing arts enthusiasts. Dedicated to providing good times for everyone right here in Harbor Country." The theater boasts that it's "a dynamic collaboration with nonprofits, schools and area theater troupes. A synergistic center for new experiences to entertain a range of ages here and in our wider community. Because live entertainment is always best shared."

Congratulations to the Acorn Theater for making its home in Three Oaks permanent!

By Jocelyne Tuszynski, MOTM Contributor



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"The Radde Award is an award that is presented to an induvial who has advanced the cause of Lake Michigan College and higher education," Tomasini said. "It's in honor of Dr. Bernard C. Radde, who served as an LMC board member and officer for over 25 years."

Tomasini says Dr. Hamel was a good fit for that distinction.

"We selected Dr. Hamel because he has been a tremendous partner and friend to Lake Michigan College. He has done so much for the college. He's been a crucial partner in shaping the LMC health sciences department, the curriculum, and the strategies that we have to meet real world needs in the healthcare industry."

Tomasini says Hamel delivered a video acceptance address during the May 1 commence-

"He was actually out of town and unable to accept the award in person. He prepared a videotape that was broadcast during commencement, and it was an outstanding, effective acceptance speech, and a message to the students about con-



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Tomasini notes Spectrum Health Lakeland and LMC have a natural relationship given the college's healthcare programs.

"They employ many of our health sciences students. They have been instrumental in helping us with the health science department. We have been able to maintain state of the art equipment and training for LMC students because of Dr. Hamel and the Spectrum Health Foundation."

Tomasini said the contributions Spectrum Health Lakeland and its foundation have made to Lake Michigan College can't be overstated.

"They employ so many of our students. Almost every graduate has a job, if they want a job, when they leave our program. They also are our right hand as far as planning, curriculum, and ensuring that we have the state of the art equipment. Lake Michigan College truly relies on Lakeland, spectrum Health, and the guidance of Dr. Hamel in our health sciences department. We are blessed because he is our friend, and he has done amazing things as part of our partnership."

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As head of Spectrum Health Lakeland, Hamel leads care delivery for three hospitals, 53 outpatient locations, telehealth initiatives, and more than 500 independent, affiliated, and employed physicians in southwest Michigan. Tomasini says Hamel delivered a recorded message at the commencement, urging Lake Michigan College graduates to stay in southwest Michigan and contribute to their community. The Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award is given each year to supporters of Lake Michigan College and of community colleges.

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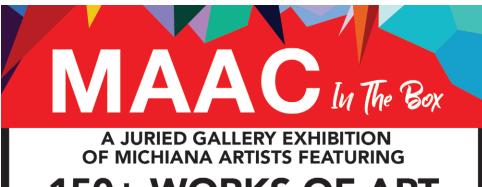
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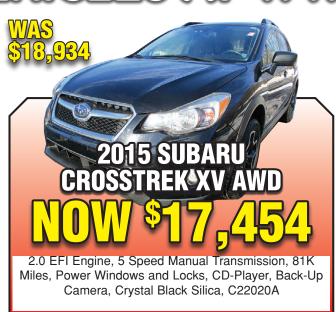


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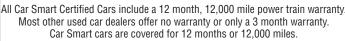


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updates on my efforts to turn my mundane yard into a garden that the dowager Countess from "Downton Abbey" would envy.

First, I want to tell vou about the loveliest

success story in my garden: the Korean dogwood that has rounded into full glorious bloom. Of course, it was planted years ago by the people who owned my house before me, but still.

Last week I reported that my Asclepias tuberosa was acting up. And no that's not a toe fungus. It's milkweed, meant to eventually attract butterflies. Assuming it lives. Which it might not, since it "resents wet soil" according to the planting guide thing-y in the pot, and I stoked that resentment by watering it a bit overmuch. And then, the day after I wrote about this in my last column, it rained. For two days. Straight. And my Asclepias tuberosa grows – well, actually, doesn't grow – but turns ever more sullen.

I planted a LOT of asters, which I never mention without bursting into song, specifically "Well, Did You Evah!" - by Cole Porter - from the movie musical "High Society." I do both the Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby parts:

Frank sings: "Have you heard that Mimsy

Bing speaks: "Oh, what now?"

Frank sings: "She got pinched in the Assssstor bar!"

Bing sings: "Well did you evah!"

They both sing!: "What a swell party this is!" One of the aster varieties I got is called "Andenken an Alma Potschke." It's going to eventually, I hope, deliver blooms variously

Gardening My Asssssters Off Here are a few cerise pink," and "Vivid salmon-pink." All this atop "furry" or "hairy" foliage.

I assume that someone named Alma Potschke had some relationship or connection to the development of this particular type of aster. And maybe she frequently sported cerise pink lipstick, and furry foliage. But you wouldn't know it from the Internet. Pages and pages and pages describe the plant, but not one explains who the heck Alma is, or was. All I've turned up is that "potschke" is a Yiddish word meaning "To fuss or 'mess around' inefficiently and inexpertly," which perfectly describes my gardening skills. (A secondary meaning is "To dawdle, to waste time," which perfectly describes me doing just about any other household chore.)

During my shopping binge at the plant nursery, I bought several specimens of a plant called yarrow. They were all doing reasonably well until the other day, when I noticed one had shrunk considerably. Upon closer inspection, it was shorter all right -- because it apparently had been

Now yarrow, according to the Internet, is quite bitter -- not at me for overwatering it, but in taste. Supposedly, no critter will eat it. So I'm hopeful that even if all my property beautification attempts fail, I'll someday identify and capture the creature that eats yarrow, and I'll become famous in the annals of science.

If that doesn't work, and all my plants continue to fail or get eaten or resent me too much to blossom, I'll seek solace by chopping down the other variety of yarrow I bought, and distilling into a powerful version of its varietal name -'Moonshine.'

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Dave

Dave Says It's really about giving and putting others first

Dear Dave.

My wife and I have always attended church,

and we have always tithed. Over the last few months, we have come to the decision it is time for us to find a place to worship that is a little more involved in the community. If we are actively looking for a new church, should we continue to tithe to our current church? Would giving our tithe money to a charity be better? We both agree it feels strange to continue giving to our current church when we would rather be somewhere

Brad Dear Brad

There's nothing wrong with continuing to tithe to your current place of worship until you find a new church home. It would probably be alright, too, if you gave your tithe to one of the places you visit while you're looking. When it comes right down to it, it's all about learning to be a giver and putting others first.

I can tell you two are taking this situation very seriously. But I mean, it's not like He needs the money, you know? Tithing isn't about making a deposit into God's bank account, or building up spiritual brownie points. It isn't a salvation issue, either. It's all about

changing our hearts and our minds. It's about being a little less selfish, and a little more Christ-like. I believe it makes God smile when we put other people's needs ahead of our own wants.

There are some pretty strong indications in scripture that a tithe-which is a tenth of your incomeshould go to your local church. I have no problem with giving to responsible charitable organizations, too, but when it comes to tithing, I'm not sure a generic charity is the answer.

My wife and I have had times in our lives when we changed churches, and in the periods when we didn't have a home church, we'd write out the checks just like normal, but leave the "pay to the order of" portion blank. This way, the money was already accounted for in our minds and in our checkbook. Then, when we found a place that really spoke to us, we'd complete the checks and give them to that church.

I hope this helps a little, Brad. God bless you two!

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsev 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.

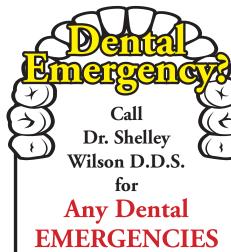
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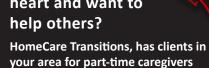
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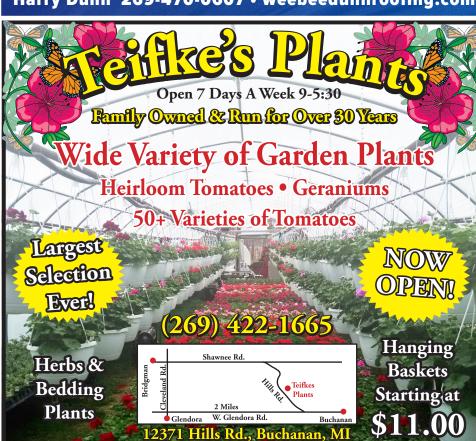
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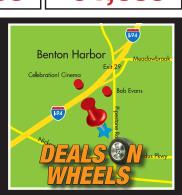


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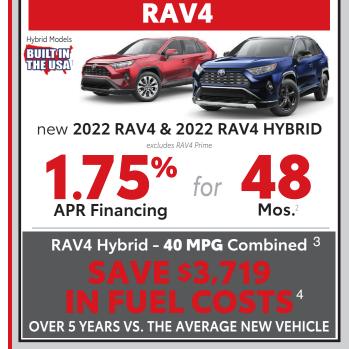
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