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Moody on The Market



Pat
Moody

Black Dragon Meadery Opens in New Buffalo

“Mead is the oldest drink known to man, the very nectar of the Gods,” says Paul Peterson, Owner of Black Dragon Meadery in New Buffalo. The tasting room, located at 910 W. Buffalo Street, is cozy and inviting, accented with warm colors: deep burgundy and merlot, bright gold and, coincidentally, honey yellow. A massive dragon head sits perched atop the fully stocked retail shelves, protecting the products like bejeweled treasure.

With bright smiles, Paul and Brenda greet everyone with enthusiasm and excitement, elated to have the opportunity to share libations with new customers. Mead is typically referred to as ‘honey wine’, and though it is sometimes made with hops, it is neither beer nor wine. The process of fermenting honey and water with additional ingredients like fruit, spices, and grains, delivers the most refreshing, sippable, gulpable, beverage.

While spending three years in Germany with Special Forces during the Cold War, Paul fell so in love with a certain black beer that upon his return to the states, it had him brewing and steeping in his attempt to recreate it. Through trial and error, *Dragon’s Breath* was born: a nearly-perfect replica that he introduced into the Renaissance Faire circuit, gaining many followers thirsty for his next creation. Naturally, this opened a door into the world of mead, where he began fashioning recipes based on the opinions of tasters from Ren Faires. His mead hit the shelves in 2015, and his logo and brand were created from *Dragon’s Breath* to draw in the patrons he acquired while pedaling brews across the region.

Since opening his first retail space in New Buffalo, Black Dragon Meadery has been diligently working to bring people into the new tasting room. Paul has a huge following in Indiana and the Chicago area already, and it will not be hard for him to win over the taste buds of we Michiganders. On June 18th, the Viking Warrior Festival in Marshall will debut his new mead ‘Immortality’, which he created specifically for author Treasa Kloth’s ‘The Harrow Vikings’ book series. The mead created for her book titled ‘Desolation’ is a cranberry orange mead, and is cur-

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Pour Me!



Jenna
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Good Boy Vodka, Every Pour Helps and Pup!

Greetings friends! Hope you are off to a fantastic start to your summer. I’m so glad to finally get some warm weather and sunshine. I love a great Michigan summers with the boating, beaches, bonfires and all the outdoor activities that come along with it. There is nothing like sitting in the sun with a beverage in hand soaking it all in. With that being said, there is new product on the market that is a must try...**Good Boy Vodka Seltzers!**

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JENNA Continued from cover

Good Boy Vodka: The Story

Southwestern Michigan local **Alex Pratt** founded Good Boy Vodka in 2020. He set out to create a spirit brand that brought celebrations to a higher level. Alex wanted to embody the finer things in life, while also committing to helping charities that are near to so many hearts. Good Boy Vodka gives a portion of their sales to **Pets for Vets and Warrior Dog Foundation**.

Good Boy Vodka is an ultra-premium vodka made with the highest quality ingredients, crafted carefully and distilled six times and carbon filtered. Good Boy Vodka is proudly made in the USA! You can find this great vodka in many stores in our area as well as many restaurants. As of recent, you can also find their **Good Boy Vodka Seltzers**.

Good Boy Vodka Seltzers

The new craze in the ready to drink (RTD) craze is spirit-based canned cocktails. Let me tell you, the **Good Boy Vodka Pineapple and Cranberry** is outstanding! This no-sugar-added beverage is 4.5% ABV, gluten free, just 95 calories and uses all-natural flavors and real fruit. These seltzers are also available in our market in many stores and restaurants. Soon, they will be releasing several new seltzer flavors to join the

original pineapple and cranberry. They have partnered with golf legend John Daly and to create **Iced Tea Lemonade**, obviously the "John Daly." **Grapefruit Gala, Summer Watermelon, and Tropical Strawberry Hibiscus** will also be released shortly.

Make sure to check out these great new Good Boy products founded by one of our very own, and know that your purchases are also supporting great charities! It certainly is a great new product on the market!

That's it for me, as always please drink responsibly.

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Offices to be voted on are:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor	State Board of Education (2 seats)	Judge of Circuit Court
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This notice is provided in compliance with Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.648. Absentee ballots may be obtained from Lake Charter Township, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan 49106 Gloria A. Payne, Clerk Telephone: 269-465-6601

Gloria A. Payne, Lake Charter Township Clerk

NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR AUGUST 2, 2022 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, Berrien County, Bridgman, Michigan, notice is hereby given the State Primary Election will be held in Lake Charter Township on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Electors who are *not* already registered, and who wish to vote in the Primary Election must be registered to vote no later Monday, July 18, 2022. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's office or the Lake Charter Township office, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan. 269-465-6601 Offices hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday.

The name of the person, but an ACTUAL RESIDENT, at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next elections, shall be entered in the registration records.

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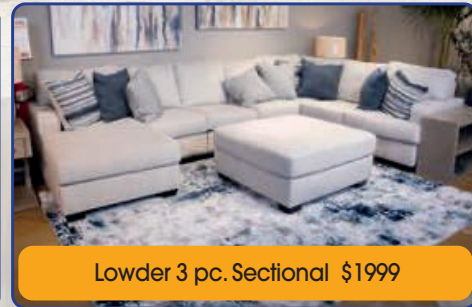
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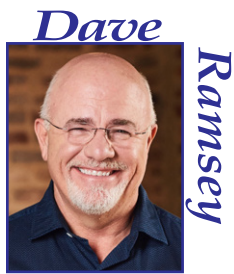
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Dave Says

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Dear Dave,

I live with my boyfriend, and we have a baby together. I brought debt into the relationship, and I'm using your debt snowball method to pay it off, but he is debt-free. We have quite a few shared expenses that we split 50-50, but that means we are constantly reimbursing each other. Should we keep our finances separate until I pay off my debt, or is it okay to combine everything now? I'm 26, and we love each other and want to get married, but he makes quite a bit more money than I do. I feel guilty taking that step when I still have debt.

Dakota

Dear Dakota,

I don't tell people they have to wait until they're out of debt to get married. I don't tell people they should wait until they're debt-free to have children, either. Listen, you two love each other. You have a baby together, you live together and you're trying to figure out a way to combine incomes and everything else—except the debt. Too late. That ship has sailed.

Here's some arm-around-your-shoulder, old-man advice. The best thing for that baby, and the best thing for you and your boyfriend, is for you two to get

married and combine your incomes, combine your lives—combine everything—and join it all so tight it cannot be torn apart. Then, go live a beautiful, glorious life together. Getting out of debt is part of the adventure. Raising that child together is part of the adventure. Waking up and looking at your husband when he starts to lose his hair is part of the adventure.

It's very difficult legally and relationally to play house financially when you're not married. You get into stupid arguments over who bought the mustard when you're sharing the same bed. It's just so inconsistent and incongruent. That's the system you're using now, but there are better things waiting for you.

I'm not being judgmental, Dakota. I just want good things—the best things—for you and your family.

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-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 take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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Lucy Kubash



Most of us know how disturbing it is to watch the commercials on TV that show animals in distress. Animals that have been neglected, abused, often left to fend for themselves. Animals that have little hope for a better life. It makes you wonder how anyone could be so cruel as to treat a pet this way or to move away and leave them behind. And yet it happens all the time. I read an article recently about a rescue group that works mostly with a band of wild horses that live along the Salt River in Arizona. The group's goal is to keep the horses wild, but sometimes they do intervene in an emergency. Lately, they've also had to rescue any number of other animals that have been dumped in the desert; dogs, cats, potbellied pigs, other horses. This kind of behavior goes on everywhere, of course. Apparently, people think it's alright to just leave the animals they no longer want or can care for alone in a harsh environment or an abandoned house or apartment or barn or pasture. Sometimes there are dire consequences for the animals; sometimes a kind person comes along and lends a helping hand. The people who work with rescue groups do this sort of work every day for little or no pay; mostly, they are volunteers. Perhaps there should be a national day of honoring those who work in animal rescue. They are truly some of the most under appreciated folks in our midst.

The Pet Corner

One of the rescue groups in our area that is working to make a difference in the lives of the animals they take in is Blessings Farm located at 6578 Clymer Road in Coloma. To help raise funds, they will hold a benefit rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, July 7-9. They are asking for donations and you may drop off items in good or new condition from now until Tuesday, July 5. Here is a list of what they need: housewares, antiques, dishes, furniture, magazines, linens, blankets, towels, lamps, kitchenware, décor, pottery, art supplies, games, books, pet supplies, tools, plants, toys, garden décor. No clothing, please. Here's wishing them good weather and a great turnout that weekend.

If you are thinking of taking a road trip with your pet this summer, here are a few tips, courtesy of the ASPCA, to help make the journey more pleasant for all involved. Before leaving, a vet check to make sure all vaccines are up to date and you have plenty of pet meds and preventative might be in order. Have a pet travel kit ready to go that includes bowls, their regular food and treats, waste bags and paper towels for cleaning up, a favorite toy and or blanket, and bottled water to prevent upsets from unfamiliar water. A sturdy secured crate or carrier (especially for cats) is a must, but if you don't use that a harness that can clip into the seat buckle will keep your pet from flying around in case of sudden stops. And of course, never leave pets alone in a parked vehicle in the heat of summer. For more information on traveling with pets, visit ASPCA.org.

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Rosenbaum

Enduring Temple

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Revelation 21:22

Perhaps the most famous church building in all of England is St Paul's Cathedral in London. It's famous for many reasons. For one, it has dominated the London skyline since before the birth of the United States. For another, it's been the site for numerous historic events, from royal weddings to state funerals.

Its greatest fame, however, may have come from World War II. If you go online and search the words "photo—St Paul's—WWII," you'll see why. You'll see a picture of London just after a severe German bombing raid. Every building in the picture is a smoking ruin of rubble—every building except St Paul's. That picture rallied the spirits of the British people throughout the rest of the war.

In our society of the twenty-first century, it often feels as if we Christians are simply enduring one long bombing raid. Everything we believe seems to be under attack. Everything we hold dear seems to be a target.

But take a closer look at the picture. Yes, Christianity is under attack, as it has always been. And yes, the forces of Satan and sin

have turned much of our society into a smoking ruin of rubble. But above the dust and debris of a fallen world, there still stands the enduring temple of our God. It endures because that temple is the Lamb of God himself.

In that temple you will find shelter and forgiveness. In that temple you will find refreshment and life and light. For that enduring temple is your Savior, who died and rose and lives for you.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, in the smoking rubble of this fallen world, you remain. You endure. Your promises never fail. Move me by your Spirit to find my refuge in you. Amen.

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New Owner Keeps Comfort Keepers in St. Joseph

Hi everyone! I have missed you all. We are back with another episode of New News (say that ten times fast). Today, I am here to introduce you to the new owner of Comfort Keepers, located in St. Joseph, Linnea Freriks. I was able to go into the new Comfort Keepers office to interview Ms. Freriks, and it is a lovely office located at 2800 Niles Ave. Suite 1 in St. Joseph.

Comfort Keepers is an in-home care provider. They offer a wide variety of services, such as: 24-hour care, bathing, grooming, hygiene, companionship, dementia care, light housekeeping, errand services, mobility assistance, private duty nursing care, respite care, relief for family, and end-of-life services. The main goal at Comfort Keepers is to elevate the human spirit through their loving home care (MAN, I love that goal statement).

Linnea has been the owner of the Comfort Keepers location in Holland, Michigan for over 19 years. She knew the Genevose's, the previous owners of the St. Joseph location and had a great relationship with them because they were "neighboring" offices. She also knew that after 20 years in the business, the Genevose's were looking to retire together. Because Linnea loves her job so much and enjoys making a difference in the lives of others, she didn't want to see the location close. It only seemed right that she took the initiative of taking over as new owner of the St. Joseph location. She must know something about it too seeing as her location in Holland received "Best of In-home Home Care" for 5 years in a row!

When asked why Comfort Keepers would benefit our communities, she said that she believes that it is important for everyone to have

the availability to receive high-quality in-home care services. When seniors find their mobility or their brain function slowing down, it can be troubling for both the elder as well as their family members. Being able to stay in your own home gives each client the chance to maintain peace of mind. Every Comfort Keeper goes through a training program to become a Personal Care Assistant and will provide you and your family with not only the care that you or your loved one needs with their Activities of Daily Living, but also companionship.

Comfort Keepers is located at 2800 Niles Ave. Suite 1, in St. Joseph. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. However, that is just the offices hours. Comfort Keepers is a 24-hour care Provider and have care-



givers that will come and assist at any time needed, day or night. You can reach their office at 269-556-9999 to ask any questions that you may have. We hope that by sharing the news of Comfort Keepers, it helps to steer you (or your family members)

in the right direction to get the care you need.

Are you or someone you know a new business owner in the area? If so, shoot me an email at news@MailMaxOnline.com. I would love to learn more about other aspiring entrepreneurs in our area. Until next time!



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ST. JOSEPH, MI – “Now that we are moving past COVID restrictions, the housing market appears to be moving at a less manic pace. With fewer houses for sale, sales have dropped. However, selling prices continued to rise and set records in April. Homebuyers are also facing a significant increase in mortgage rates, and all factors will contribute to a more balanced marketplace for sellers and buyers,” stated Alan Jeffries, Association Executive, Southwestern Michigan Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Jeffries continued, “The SWMI housing market in April began to show signs of kick-starting the peak selling season from Spring to Fall. From March, the average and median selling prices increased 16 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Sales grew 8 percent (263 vs. 244).”

“Looking at the market year-to-year, the number of houses sold in April dropped 11 percent from April 2021 (263 vs. 296). Year-to-date, in April 2022, 885

SWMI Housing Market – Moving at a Less Manic Pace

houses were sold compared to 1044 in April 2021, which was the record high in the market's year-over-year comparison,” Jeffries said.

The inventory of houses for sale fell 12 percent to 601 from 680 in April 2021. This brought the inventory of houses for sale down to 2.5-months supply of inventory available for buyers. For comparison, in April 2010, there were 3452 houses for sale and 15.6-months supply of inventory.

Selling prices set new record levels in the year-over-year comparison that dates back to 2006. The average selling price in April 2022 was \$364,201 compared to \$332,767 in April 2021 for a 9 percent increase. The year-to-date average selling price in April 2022 made a modest 5 percent increase over April 2021 (\$327,522 vs. \$311,297).

The median selling price in April 2022 raised 4 percent to \$ 252,650 from \$242,500 in April 2021. Year-to-date, the median selling price climbed 8 percent (\$226,400 vs. \$209,000). The median selling price and year-to-date median selling price also set new record prices in the month of April in the year-over-year comparison. The median price is the price at

which 50% of the homes sold were above that price, and 50% were below.

The total dollar volume fell 3 percent in April 2022 (\$95,784,920 vs. \$98,499,197). The year-to-date total dollar volume at the end of April 2022 plunged 11 percent (\$289,857,261 vs. \$324,994,599).

The number of bank-owned or foreclosed homes as a percentage of all transactions dropped to 1 percent in April from 2 percent in March and 3 percent in February. In January, the rate was 0 percent. The previous lowest percentage was 2 percent in April 2021. The highest percentage in April was 54 percent in 2009.

Nationally, in March, the Freddie Mac mortgage rate was 5.10, up from 4.67 in March for a 30-year conventional mortgage.

Nationally: According to the National Association of Realtors®, – Existing-home sales recorded a third straight month of declines, slipping slightly in April. Month-over-month sales were split amongst the four major U.S. regions, with two areas posting gains and the other two experiencing waning in April. Year-over-year sales struggled, as each of the four regions reported dips.

Total existing-home sales, which were completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums, and co-ops, slid 2.4% from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.61 million in April. Year-over-year, sales dropped 5.9% (5.96 million in April 2021).

“Higher home prices and sharply higher mortgage rates have reduced buyer activity,” said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. “It looks like more declines are imminent in the upcoming months, and we'll likely return to the pre-pandemic home sales activity after the remarkable surge over the past two years.”

“The market is quite unusual as sales are coming down, but listed homes are still selling swiftly, and home prices are much higher than a year ago,” said Yun.

“Moreover, an increasing number of buyers with short tenure expectations could opt for 5-year adjustable-rate mortgages, thereby assuring fixed payments over five years because of the rate reset,” he added. “The cash buyers, not impacted by mortgage rate changes, remain elevated.”

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We had so much fun celebrating last year that at the end of the night we all looked at each other and agreed we HAVE to make this an annual event and bring it back for 2022 as the official way to kick off the 4th of July weekend!

That's exactly what we are doing again this year! Friday, July 1st, doors to the Watermark Solarium will open at 5:30 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Independence Day Celebration, brought to you by the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber Young Professionals, Honor Credit Union, and Indiana Michigan Power an AEP/American Electric Power Company.

Attendees will enjoy live music from Dan Moore, refreshing Watermark brews, and deli-

cious food from Wood Stock & Grill and NOLA Roux. We'll have a mix of yard games, door prizes, and more to help you celebrate! If we are lucky, Chris, Justin, and the crew from Watermark may also set off a few fireworks for us again this year.

All we ask is that you bust out your Star-Spangled Awesome attire (not required but highly encouraged) and come ready for a fantastic evening celebrating our great nation's independence. While this event is sponsored by our Chamber Young Professionals, it is 100% open to anyone over the age of 21. Chamber membership is NOT required to attend. Just come ready to have a great night whether that be relaxing inside the Solarium with your friends or family or dancing the night away out on the grass.

Thank you again to our sponsors for allowing us to put on such a fantastic event. For additional details about the 2nd Annual Independence Day Celebration, including how you can attend or your company can get involved, or other upcoming events visit smrchamber.com or connect with me directly: 269-932-4040 or sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com

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rently ranked #1 on untapped.com. 'Immortality' will be a plum vanilla mead.

The Magnum Mead Ale is semi-dry, made with clover honey and magnum hops, and it is sweet, refreshing, and luscious. The Blackberry Cyser I sampled is well-aged, semi-sweet, and made with apple cider from Coloma. It is a little fruity, a little floral, and offers the perfect amount of sweetness. All fermentation is done on site, and Paul uses local ingredients whenever possible: blueberries from Sawyer, honey from Eau Claire, and he frequents Coloma Frozen Foods often.

"I'm open to the possibility of a franchisee for the future," Paul says. "Then we could truly expand into the Michigan market." Michigan retailers that are interested in selling Black Dragon Meadery products can contact Eagle Eye Brands, a distributor based in Michigan that is quickly expanding internationally.

Black Dragon Meadery is open Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the option of hosting groups and parties— just call in advance. "Themed parties are always on the table, too," says Paul, "We'll dress like pirates!" For a detailed list of all of the meads and their ingredients, where to buy, and which local restaurants serve it, visit blackdragonmeadery.com. Congratulations and welcome!

Jocelyne Tuszynsk

Cook Plant touches the whole community with Heart of Cook grants.

The Berrien Community Foundation has released the list of Heart of Cook grant recipients for this year. BCF Program Manager Susan Matheny tells WSJM News the Heart of Cook is the charitable arm of the Cook nuclear power plant. The grant recipients are selected by a committee comprised of Cook plant employees.

"Really what it is, it's the philanthropic giving arm of the Cook nuclear plant, Matheny said. "They do a set of competitive grants every year which we help with the administration of, and we help them do their grant making and reach their philanthropic goals."

Each year, the Cook plant awards thousands in Heart of Cook grants to non-profits throughout southwest Michigan. Matheny says they have some core focus areas.

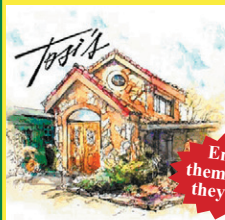
"The Heart of Cook grants support a huge range of programming, everything from food pantries to community outreach to summer camps for kids," Matheny said. "They really like projects that address education, human services, and environmental projects as well. They have just a huge heart for the basic needs, like food insecurity and those kinds of things as well. So, really, if you name an issue our community might be facing, the Cook grants tend to want to help with it."

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The recipients of this year's Heart of Cook grants learned of their grants at a reception in June.

"We're really excited. The Heart of Cook awarded 29 area non-profit organizations with over \$78,000 in grants. So, we had quite a few wonderful organizations that received a grant at a reception that they held right at the Cook plant at the training center there. So, it was really a nice reception and all the grantees came together and got to talk to the committee members from the Cook plant."

Matheny told us about some of the most notable grants announced for this year.

"I think one that was really notable and a real favorite of everyone's was Bridgman Blessing in a Backpack," Matheny said. "It's a program where they fill a backpack with shelf stable food that young people can assemble and feed themselves, and they take that home with them on Friday so they can have food throughout the weekend. So, this program was really one that struck a note with everyone that kids in Bridgman have the food they need. There are some kids who are food insecure that, so that was a nice one."

"From the other side of the spectrum, from basic needs to art, we have the Acorn Center for the Performing Arts, and they received one of the Cook minor grants to help them put some technology and things out in their backyard that they have been developing so they can have outdoor performances," Matheny said. "So, in the summer when the weather is nice, the Acorn will be able to let people do things outside and that will be fun for the whole community there."

This is just after the Acorn was able to purchase its building.

"They just bought the building. They were able to purchase it from the original owner, so now they're fully a non-profit owning their own building. Because of COVID, I know they were looking for ways to open up their space so that

they had different ways they could do performances, and they had this backyard that was overgrown and not being used...It's going to be really neat to go down there on the weekends or some night when you're hearing a band playing all around downtown there, even if you don't attend it, you'll hear it, and I think that's a really cool thing."

Another key grant recipient is the Benton Harbor Public Library, which is receiving funds to purchase books that reflect the demographics of the community. Matheny says Heart of Cook grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Applications for next year's grants will go online in January of 2023.

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Stuart

Votes from you – the readers silly enough to waste five minutes with this column every week – are in, and in your view, the winner of the Goldfish vs. Cheez-Its contest IS. . . . a tie!

(For the record, the official vote tally was 0-0. I'm assuming you all wanted to vote but couldn't quite get all the cheesy "dust" from your favorite off your fingers and didn't wish to deposit it all over your cellphone, tablet or keyboard.)

This leaves it to ME to decide which is "best," because every prior article ever written on this topic has concluded, uhhh, inconclusively.

I could choose Cheez-Its because they've been around much longer than Goldfish. 1921 is consid-

ered the birth year of Cheez-Its, because that's when the name was trademarked.

Incidentally, in 1921, the manufacturer of Cheez-Its (Green & Green Company, whose president was born in – perfect! – Greenville, Ohio!) marketed it as "baked rarebit." Apparently, people back then knew what the heck rarebit was -- a melted cheddar beer cheese spread over toast. (Cheez-Its originally were produced as toast covered with melted cheddar beer cheese, but customers complained the sauce prevented them from using their cell-phones, tablets and keyboards.)

As for Goldfish: They were created in Switzerland in 1958. The "inventor" was Oscar Kambly, a Swiss biscuit manufacturer. He dreamed them up to celebrate his wife, who was a Pisces. (Born under that sign, that is; she was not an actual fish.) Goldfish debuted in the U.S. in 1962, making them 41 years younger than Cheez-Its. Thus, I could

love Goldfish best because c'mon, this is America, where YOUNGER IS ALWAYS BETTER!

I could love them equally, because, as Pentucket High School student Ashley M. once replied in a poll published by her school newspaper, "Anything with cheese is dope."

Incidentally, according to a doctor named Neal Barnard, Ashley is spot-on with the "dope" bit. He says the dairy proteins inside cheese can act as mild opiates. I could explain the science here, but it involves complex explanations that only dopey weekly columnists can understand, like casomorphins, brain receptors, dopamine, and Barnard ultimately calling cheese "dairy crack." It all leads to the conclusion that the "dope" in this discussion is Dr. Neal Barnard. Because cheese is awesome.

I could love Goldfish best because in a Reddit thread on this topic, they got this cockeyed "love": One guy voted for "Goatfish." And another voted for "Goldsoh."

In the same thread: Is this a reason to like Cheez-Its better or is it actually exactly the opposite?! "Cheez-Its are more flammable."

Then there's this: "I have only ever had Cheez-its (sic). Every time I see Goldfish they are in a huge box. That's too much of a commitment."

Well, unlike that guy, I've reached the point where I must commit. After a week-long vacation with both snacks (oh, and also with my family) I definitively, uh, define the winner as. . . Cape Cod Kettle Cooked Potato Chips! I LOVE THESE! We bought two family size bags on our vacation. One was entirely for me. The other one. . . turned out to be entirely for me too – I ate both bags myself. In addition to most of the Goldfish and Cheez-Its. (Hey, I was still doing research for this column!)

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