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Moody

OLD NILES CARNEGIE LIBRARY TO BECOME COMEDY CLUB, SPEAKEASY AFTER CITY SELLS FOR \$100

A long-vacant, historic Berrien County building is coming back to life to bring laughter to Southwest Michigan.

The old Niles Carnegie Library has been purchased for \$100, and new owners Sheila and Karl Koebel have plans to transform the building into a comedy club and speakeasy lounge. The city of Niles approved the purchase at Monday's city council meeting.

"They loved it," said Sheila Koebel, adding the entire process with the city has taken about five months. "It was unanimous. ... I said I wanted to close before Labor Day so I can get ripping and tearing and getting everything going."

The Niles Carnegie Library was built in 1904, but has not been a library for more than 50 years. The Niles Chamber of Commerce used the building for decades, but it has been unoccupied since 2017, and has a host of issues that go along with its age.

"When we first went in, we looked at it and immediately wanted to walk out because the lower level is below ground," Koebel said. "The walls had a surface mold or mildew on them, and I was like, 'I have no desire for this whatsoever.'"

But once the Koebels saw the rest of the building, they saw a place that could fit their vision. There is, however, a lot of work to be done.

"We're going to totally gut the basement," Koebel said. "We're hoping there's brick walls behind this cheap wallboard, so that would be perfect for a comedy club. New carpet, seating, a stage needs to be built, green room, we have to handicap the bathrooms, put in some bars, PA system, lighting."

The lower level will be a comedy club and the main level will contain a speakeasy.

"When you come in, it's going to have library books, it's going to have lamps on the tables, it's going to have barrel back chairs," Koebel said. "It's kind of a front for the comedy club."

The Koebels also have partnered with Sean Shank, who has previous experience as the general manager of Funny Bone in South Bend back in

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September is **National Suicide Prevention Month**. Before you stop reading because you don't feel suicidal, hear me out. We *all* can take action to help prevent suicide.

Be The 1 To...Help Save a Life

Last year, a campaign began called #BeThe1To, which challenged everybody to help end a recent drastic spike in suicides rates. I've taken excerpts from www.bethe1to.com outlining the **five actions steps** for communicating with someone who may be suicidal. The five action steps are easy...even I can do them. You can do them as well, and **BeThe1To**.

ASK. Asking the question "Are you thinking about suicide?" communicates that you're open to speaking about suicide in a non-judgmental and supportive way. Asking in this direct, unbiased manner, can open the door for effective dialogue about their emotional pain and can allow everyone involved to see what

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next steps need to be taken. Other questions you can ask include, "How do you hurt?" and "How can I help?" Do not ever promise to keep their thoughts of suicide a secret.

The flip side of the "Ask" step is to "Listen." Make sure you take their answers seriously and not to ignore them, especially if they indicate they are experiencing thoughts of suicide. Listening to their reasons for being in such emotional pain, as well as listening for any potential reasons they want to continue to stay alive, are both incredibly important when they are telling you what's going on. Help them focus on their reasons for living and avoid trying to impose your reasons for them to stay alive.

BE THERE. This could mean being physically present for someone, speaking with them on the phone when you can, or any other way that shows support for the person at risk. An important aspect of this step is to make sure you follow through with the ways in which you say you'll be able to support the person - do not commit to anything you are not willing or able to accomplish. If you are unable to be physically present with someone with thoughts of suicide, talk with them to develop some ideas for others who might be able to help as well (again, only others who are willing, able, and appropriate to be there). Listening is again very important during this step - find out what and who they believe will be the most effective sources of help.

KEEP THEM SAFE. First of all, it's good for everyone to be on the same page. After the "Ask" step, and you've determined suicide is indeed being talked about, it's important to find

out a few things to establish immediate safety. Have they already done anything to try to kill themselves before talking with you? Does the person experiencing thoughts of suicide know how they would kill themselves? Do they have a specific, detailed plan? What's the timing for their plan? What sort of access do they have to their planned method?

HELP THEM CONNECT. Helping someone with thoughts of suicide connect with ongoing supports (like the **988 Lifeline**) can help them establish a safety net for those moments they find themselves in a crisis. Additional components of a safety net might be connecting them with supports and resources in their communities. **The Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition** offers lots of local information and help at www.berriencares.org. Explore some of these possible supports with them - are they currently seeing a mental health professional? Have they in the past? Is this an option for them currently? Help them create a safety plan which includes a list of people to contact when a crisis occurs.

FOLLOW UP. After your initial contact with a person experiencing thoughts of suicide, and after you've connected them with the immediate support systems they need, make sure to follow-up with them to see how they're doing. Leave a message, send a text, or give them a call. The follow-up step is a great time to check in with them to see if there is more you are capable of helping with or if there are things you've said you would do and haven't yet had the chance to get done for the person.

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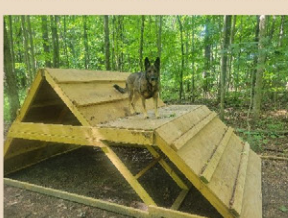
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While this isn't your typical vote-for-me popularity contest, there are many of us who are hoping that all Southwest Michigan will gather to vote for one of our own, that being the City of Bridgman and the "Magic Carpet & Music" project.

The project, which is headed up by the **Bridgman Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)** is excited to announce it's a semi-finalist for the **Bridge Builders Main Street Micro-grant program**. If selected, the CIA would receive **\$5,000 from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation** to help fulfill its "Magic Carpet & Music" project in conjunction with the Bridgman High School Art Club. The CIA is asking everyone to please vote for this project to help them get to the third and final round of judging.

If you've been in downtown Bridgman this summer, you've already witnessed the first phase transformation of the area now known as the "**Bridgman Social District Courtyard**" where weekly live music concerts were held all summer long. The "Magic Carpet & Music" project will continue the transformation of that space from a parking lot into a vibrant outdoor seating area, perfect for community gatherings. The grant would fund a 10' x 40' "magic carpet" rug mural designed in collaboration with Bridgman High School art students. The grant will also fund the continuation of free acoustic concerts in the downtown courtyard next summer.

"The Corridor Improvement Authority identified public art as a top-most desire of residents

in a recent survey," said **Hannah Anderson, CIA chair**. "We are pleased to announce this initial project to beautify the downtown courtyard and make it a more enjoyable space for residents and visitors alike."

Bridgman High School art students will be commissioned to design and then paint the magic carpet rug mural on the ground in the courtyard. "We are very excited to get started on this public arts initiative," said **Jacob Zapor, art teacher at Bridgman High School** and creative director for the project. "This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to become more connected with their community while showcasing their creative talents. By creating a piece of lasting public art in the community, our students will have a sense of pride in being part of something bigger."


In addition to collaborating with the school district, the city is also including local businesses in the project. **Catherine Worcester**, owner of **Accents at Himalaya Textiles**, will teach the art students about Tibetan carpet weaving, which she did in Nepal for 45 years. **Rick Fuller and Suzy Barnes**, owners of **Hoof to Hanger Fiber Mill**, will demonstrate how they process animal fleece from alpaca, sheep, llama, and more into finished roving, batts, and yarn. And **Mike Carlson**, owner of **Lake Street Eats**, will donate food and drinks to the students while they are working on the rug mural.

"This has been an incredible experience to engage with each of these groups and bring our vision to life," said **Julie Strating**, CIA member, grant writer, and project manager for the "Magic Carpet & Music" project. "Every community is

deserving of the transformative power of art and this project is just the beginning. I'm committed to finding ways to spearhead the joy that arts and culture can cultivate for Bridgman."

Online voting ends Sunday, September 4. The public is encouraged to vote daily, which will be taken into consideration by a statewide jury in the third and final judging round. Learn more about Bridgman's "Magic Carpet & Music" submission and vote today at mmlfoundation.org/bb-mainstreet-voting/?entry=14114.

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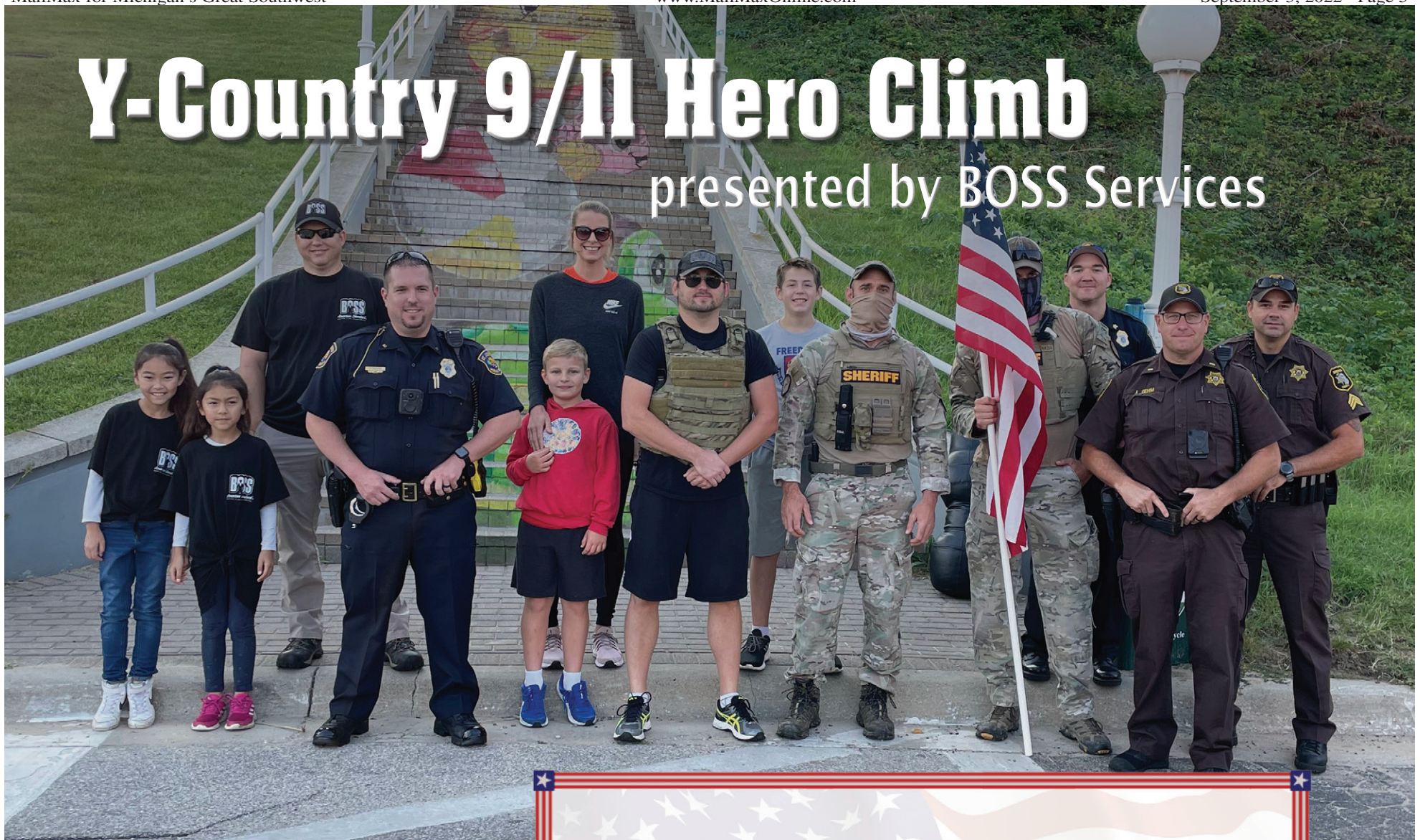
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Glen: What happens when you launch a new pizza business in the middle of a pandemic? What if you provided home delivery? What if you offered creative pizza combinations not previously available in your area? Answer...your pizza business takes off!

That is exactly what happened when Don Damron and his family opened Barnstormers Pizza & More in the Scottsdale area of St. Joseph in June of 2020.

"We've got a lot of fantastic pizza places in Southwest Michigan," Damron reflected. "We didn't want to attempt to copy what they are doing; we set out to create some unconventional pizzas that offer something unique. That is how we arrived at the name Barnstormers. Barnstormer pilots were bold, daring, and unique...just like our pizzas."

I'd heard good things about its pizzas, but I was surprised to learn that Barnstormers offers a lot of other menu items as well, such as salads, loaded fries, noodle dishes, ribs, wings, sandwiches, and desserts. Apparently, I overlooked the "& More" part of its name. The menu and marketing are cleverly designed with an aeronautical theme and also with a sense of humor. The details of the menu are worth reading just for the humor and creativity woven throughout. A red cartoon biplane serves as not only the brand's logo, but also its mascot.

"After posting online for suggestions to name the biplane character, Bucky was ultimately chosen," Damron said. "Bucky often writes witty sayings on the pizza box lids as they exit the 'hangar,' which is what the staff calls the restaurant."

While the kitchen crew assembled a couple pizzas for us, Shelly and I snacked on some Loaded Hangar Fries. A full pound of crispy oven fries was smothered with cheddar & mozzarella, bacon, green onion slices and a



drizzle of ranch dressing. It was like a loaded baked potato, but with the added crisp of fries. They were "oven" fries, so I was practically eating healthy. ;)

The first pizza was the Control Tower, which was described as "The Boss of the Airfield." It was piled with ingredients includ-



ing pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, sausage, bacon, ham, banana peppers, green peppers, red peppers, black olives, and spinach. The pizza was not only visually beautiful with all the bright pepper colors, it was also delicious. I'd never had spinach on a pizza before, and I loved it!

Spinach on a pizza is a little daring, but sweet pickles on a pizza is bold and wildly daring! The Crazy 8 Cubano pays homage to the Cuban sandwich, with its Carolina Gold BBQ, mozzarella, smoked pulled pork, ham, and finished with sweet and zippy pickles. No way would I have ordered this as a pizza, but I couldn't stop eating it. The sweet and salty symmetry combined with a wee bit of spice from the pickles, made an addictive combo that had me eating several slices too many.



One of the things that impressed me about the pizzas from Barnstormers Pizza & More was the flavor and texture of the crust. Utilizing a process known as cold fermenting, the dough yields a rich, earthy flavor and noteworthy structure. This technique takes time (72 hours to be exact), but the slower the process, the more flavorful the result.

We finished our dining experience with an order of Cinnamon Knots, which were a delightful blend of cinnamon and sugar coating a pile of buttery knots of baked dough. The side of vanilla icing was perfect for dunking.



If you love pizza, but your pallet is a little more grounded, you can always create your own pizza or simply order The Plain Plane... your basic plain cheese pizza. Plant based alternatives as well as gluten-free and keto-friendly crust options are also available.

Although they do have a couple of tables inside, it is primarily a take-out and delivery operation. Delivery is available in St. Joseph and Stevensville, as well as northern Berrien Springs and the Fairplain area.

Shelly: The next time I go back, I'd like to try the Crop Duster because the name makes me giggle and I love taco pizza.

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After the word of the purchase spread on Facebook, there were several naysayers in the Niles community regarding the purchase of the building. The detractors inspired a long post from Sheila Koebel.

"Please know that there is so much more to this than the \$100 that five of you seem so hell bent on constantly bringing up," she said, in the post. "I learned early on when I moved back to Niles, that someone could swim out to save a drowning dog in the ocean and SOMEONE will come on here and complain that you're starving the sharks! Please get the facts before you start insulting someone who has done nothing wrong but make an offer to buy a vacant building and bring people together for laughs and positive JUJU!"

Koebel has plenty of experience with negativity, though. She grew up in foster care with no parents, and always used comedy to brighten up her life.

"I used humor to get me through so many dark times," she said. "If people realized how much negativity affects your mindset and how you go through life, they wouldn't have a negative thought again. It's just toxic."

This kind of negative energy is exactly what the new owners are trying to combat with the new venue, which will be called "Underground Laugh Lounge."

"Don't you just feel good when you leave a place after getting a good belly laugh?" she asked. "People need a place to laugh."

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Governor Gretchen Whitmer was in Cass County on Friday, August 26th to tour the site of the \$150 million aluminum recycling facility that will bring about 70 jobs to the region once completed.

Norway-based Hydro Aluminum was the first to break ground at the Midwest Energy & Communications SMART Park in Cassopolis earlier this year, and Whitmer said the plant represents an opportunity for both the Michigan economy and rural communities.

"We are standing in the middle of a lot of cornfields, and there is high tech recycling that is about to start happening here," Whitmer said. "So, there is opportunity in every part of our state. We can feed the world from the state of Michigan, and that is the agricultural part of our story. But high-tech manufacturing is a very much important part of our fabric as well. You can see both happening right here from where we're standing."

Once completed in 2023, the plant will produce about 265 million pounds of recycled aluminum per year to support automotive innovation.

"[Cassopolis] is a unique place where this kind of a business can pull scrap from Chicago and Detroit," Whitmer said. "This central loca-

tion with the talent all around here is something that's a huge strength for Cass County."

The facility also will mark the first large-scale production of Hydro CIRCAL extrusion ingot aluminum in North America. Hydro CIRCAL is the company's brand of premium recycled aluminum, made with a minimum of 75

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percent recycled, post-consumer aluminum scrap.

"This project represents a key steppingstone toward Hydro's goal of becoming the world's leading upcycler of post-consumer aluminum scrap," said Eivind Kallevik, Executive Vice President of Hydro Aluminum Metals, at the groundbreaking ceremony in April. "It is important for us to be in the heartland of the U.S. automotive industry. ... Aluminum will be key for a green transition going forward."

Part of the reason the company chose Cassopolis was the eagerness to collaborate from local partners at the village and MEC.

"We are also very happy to be the first manufacturing facility here at MEC SMART Park," Kallevik said. "Here, we will benefit from state-of-the-art infrastructure that will enable us to operate safely while maintaining minimum impacts to the environment."

Kallevik mentioned the company will be able to reduce its carbon footprint thanks to the direct rail service, as well as the renewable energy from MEC.

"We've always been in business for a reason," Kallevik said. "Our ambition is to contribute to solve the challenges that societies face today, and the challenges we will face tomorrow. Here in Cassopolis, we will take a major step in driving the green transition in North America by taking the lead in the production of low-carbon recycled aluminum for a more circular society."

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A visit to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York, is tough to describe. Ordinarily, I wouldn't let this stop me from describing it. But there's so much to it, it's just something you have

to experience for yourself when you visit Jamestown. I mean, after you've had your fill of spotting Tarp Skunks.

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In brief, the National Comedy Center fully immerses visitors in the comedic arts. When you arrive, you complete a humor "assessment" – what comedians you like, what sitcoms you like, what comic strips you like, etc. This info is stored in a radio frequency identification chip on a wristband. As you tour the interactive exhibits, your preferences inform the technology to serve up experiences

that match your tastes. Even if, like me, you have zero taste!

That's as far as I can go in giving you a sense of the place. All I can think to do now is share things I gleaned from touring the Center, and from post-tour googling.

Item: The Comedy Center archives are chock full of memorabilia and ephemera from comedic legends like Joan Rivers, George Carlin – they have all of his arrest records for indecency! – and Carl Reiner.

I especially like a list of comebacks Joan Rivers used if she was heckled:

"Folks, you've just been let in on a secret: I'm studying ventriloquism – and that's my dummy!"

"Now I know what makes you a successful imbecile – you advertise!"

"There sits the perfect rationale for birth control."

"Ahhh, you should just keep hiding your head in your ridiculous toupee."

"Darnit! I was just going to give an imitation of a jackass, but you beat me to it!"

Item: Many comics are described as "zany." This word stems from a form of sketch comedy that originated in Italy, called commedia dell'arte, and exemplified today as Sabato sera in diretta. Which, as you know, is "Saturday Night Live" in Italian. A standard character in commedia dell'arte was a foolish practical joker named Zanni. The signage explaining this at the Comedy Center said another modern example of this style of comedy is "Frena il Tuo Entusiasmo." Well, it actually said Curb Your Enthusiasm, but wasn't using the Italian a LOT zanier?!

Item: Lots of great comedy from the past can be found on vinyl records. At the Center and afterward, I've stumbled across many amusing album titles, such as: Erma Bombeck's "When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home."

Jackie Mason's "I'm the Greatest Comedian in the World Only Nobody Knows It Yet."

Belle Barth's "I Don't Mean to be Vulgar, But It's Profitable!" (Note: Belle Barth was a bawdy comic, sometimes referred to as a female Lenny Bruce.)

In conclusion, since I've already ripped off Joan Rivers, I'll finish by ripping off a comic who occupied a place of honor on my National Comedy Center wristband, the incomparable Steven Wright:

"What's another word for 'thesaurus'?"

"I spilled spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone."

"Curiosity killed the cat. But for a while, I was a suspect."

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The Way Jesus Divides

[Jesus said] "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division."

Luke 12:51

The well-known Christian author C.S. Lewis once commented that being a follower of Jesus is not like a horse training to jump better and better. Instead, it's like turning a horse into a winged creature. The point Lewis makes is that sometimes people think that becoming a Christian will lead to a few small changes in their lives. But in reality, being a Christian is nothing less than a transformation.

Becoming a Christian is not like adding a backsplash and changing the paint color in your kitchen. It is a full demo—it means stripping everything down to the studs and starting over. That kind of transformation is sweeping and dramatic.

Jesus knows that this kind of change will impact families and relationships. It's a transformation that will sometimes cause division because Christians no longer conform to the pattern of the world; instead they conform to the pattern of Christ. That type of change means leaving behind sinful situations and temptations. It may even mean leaving family members who reject Christ and mock his followers. When some family members follow Jesus and others do not, divisions will naturally arise.

Jesus' goal was not to divide families. His goal was to divide people from their sins. Jesus came to separate us from our selfishness. He wants to split us from our guilt and shame. Jesus promises that all who believe in him will be divided from their sin and united to him instead. This good news really does create a transformation in people.

This transformation might mean division for a time on earth, but it also means a far greater peace has been achieved between God and us. Jesus took it upon himself to unite us with God so that we are no longer just his creatures but his sons and daughters. Because of Jesus, we will have peace forever in God's family.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me to bear the divisions that come from following you. Thank you for your great sacrifice and for uniting me with you and all believers forever. Amen.

Submitted by: Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum
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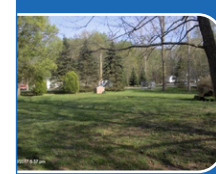
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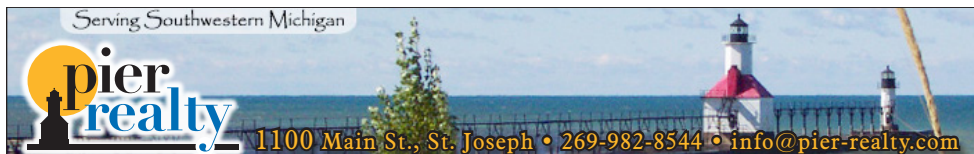


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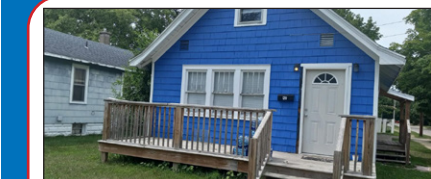


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Ronnie

Dave Says

sonable amount you can afford, on the agreement that the hospital accept it as payment in full. Hospitals and doctor's offices are often some of the easiest folks to work with when it comes to paying off debt, but people have to be proactive and make an honest, good faith effort to make it happen.

There's a moral, as well as legal, responsibility involved when it comes to paying off bills or debt, Ronnie. You should always pay what you owe if at all possible.

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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 Ramsey Solutions.

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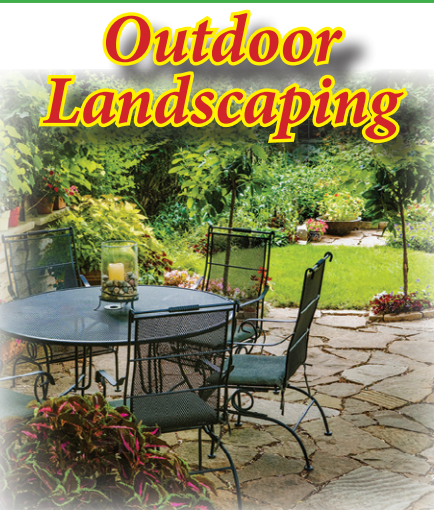
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LEGALS

Synopsis of Lake Charter Township Board Meeting August 16, 2022
Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Present: Markavitch, Payne, Clark, Mensinger, Essig, Carson and Wilk.
Motion to accept the agenda, it stands presented. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve July 19, 2022 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve July 2022 bills totaling \$329,194.54. Six ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve for adoption of the Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map located at Red Arrow Highway, being permanent parcel number 11-11-0017-0017-03-3 from (I) Industrial to (C-1) Commercial. This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication in a generally circulated newspaper. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to table Second Reading of Amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance, being parcel number 11-11-0136-0007-04-9 from R-AG Residential AG and C-1 Commercial to R-3 Residential Mobile Home Park District. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to accept the Berrien County Road Department's Woodridge Estates Project of 2" ultra thin covering for .41 miles. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to pay \$5,000.00 to Cornerstone Alliance for the contract payment. All ayes, motion carried to accept, with regret, the resignation of Stan Markavitch as Lake Charter Township Supervisor, effective September 6, 2022 at 11:59 a.m.. All ayes, motion carried to accept the resignation of Zach Carson as Lake Charter Township Trustee. All ayes, motion carried to approve the Resolution to appoint Zach Carson, as Lake Charter Township Supervisor to fill the vacancy in office created by resignation effective September 6, 2022. All ayes, motion carried.

7:53 p.m. Motion to enter into closed session. All ayes, motion carried
8:42 p.m. Motion to enter into open session. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to engage a Phase I Environmental Assessment of certain real property, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call vote: Markavitch Yes; Carson No; Payne Yes; Clark Yes; Mensinger Yes; Wilk No; Essig No. Motion carried.
Motion to rescind motion. Roll call vote: Markavitch No; Carson Yes; Payne No; Clark No; Wilk Yes; Essig Yes; Mensinger No. Motion defeated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.
Lake Charter Township Planning Commission is scheduled for September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.
Lake Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., Lake Charter Township Hall, Bridgman, Michigan.
Baroda-Lake Township Police Board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Lake Charter Township Hall Offices are closed Monday September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.
The meeting adjourned 9:04 p.m.
Lake Charter Township website: www.lake-township.org
A complete set of minutes may be obtained from the Lake Charter Township Clerk
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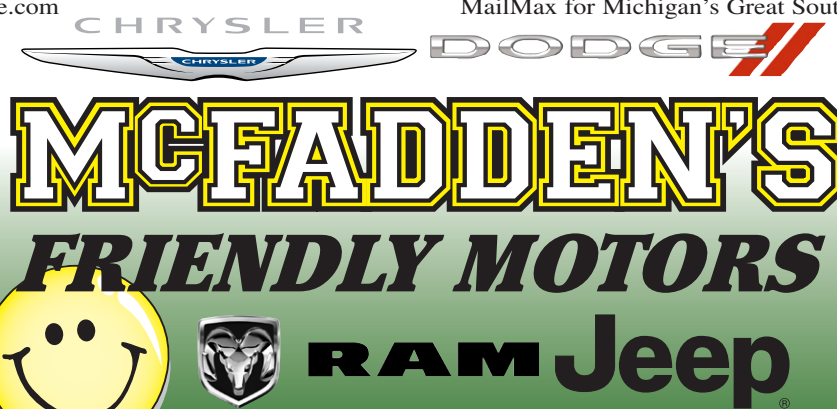
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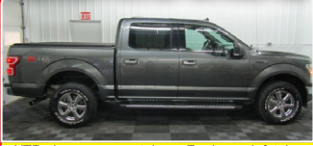
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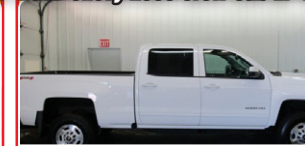
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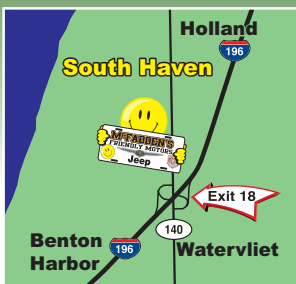


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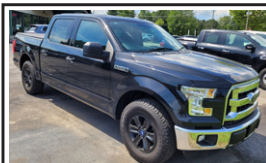
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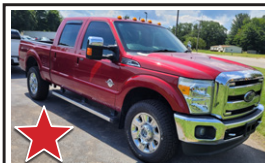
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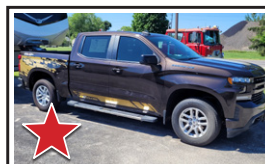
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