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Moody on The Market



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Rotarians Collaborate to Empower Women Across the Globe

St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotarians are proud to join hands across continents to empower women in Uganda.

The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, in collaboration with the Grosse Pointe (Michigan) Rotary and the South Sudan Leadership and Community Development (SSLCD) organization, with matching grant funding from a Rotary Foundation District 6360 Grant, is providing programming in Uganda to empower South Sudanese refugee women.

The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor was inspired to take on this work, because as International Committee chair, Lynn Kellogg, explained, "This project reaches remote leaders and builds an infrastructure of learning to transform hopelessness into courage and confidence. The committee also felt strongly about supporting initiatives that provide a self-sustaining impact. This work improves lives by improving skill sets to create opportunities for business development."

About South Sudan Leadership and Community Development

SSLCD is a 501(c)(3) charity organization based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was founded in 2004 to promote the health and well-being of South Sudanese villagers, through grassroots leadership and community development, in Mungula and Olua refugee camps in Northern Uganda. The organization focuses on empowering women by assisting them through the birth process with birth assistants and supplies as well as supplemental food provision.

Refugee Need

It seems there's not a week that goes by without a major refugee situation somewhere in the world with people having to flee their homes. More and more often, these are not short-term experiences. With so many prolonged situations, the World Food Program is being overrun with demand. The SSLCD works on projects to respond to this situation in Uganda and help refugees to have a way to provide for themselves. With demand so great, they are not going to get what they need from outside organizations, and

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Casey's General Store Bridgman - Now Open!

At 10:00 a.m. this past Tuesday, December 20th, close to 50 people gathered to celebrate the official opening of the second Casey's Gas Station and Convenience Store in Southwest Michigan. Casey's newest location officially opened its doors on Friday, December 16th at 5:00 a.m. The new business brings an addition-

At 10:00 a.m. this past Tuesday, December al opportunity for travelers on I-94 to stop and experience Bridgman and the Red Arrow conficial opening of the second Casey's Gas ridor that connects Union Pier, Sawyer, ion and Convenience Store in Southwest Bridgman and Stevensville together.

Casey's first opened their doors as a general store in 1968 in Boone, Iowa. Since then,

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the company has grown to over 2,400 locations across 16 states. Casey's still operate with the Bonkoske added, "Casey's is an excellent same purpose, "To make life better for communities and guests every day."

The ribbon celebration was hosted by the City of Bridgman, Greater Bridgman Chamber & Growth Alliance (CGA), and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber (SMRC) and featured a check presentation to Bridgman Elementary School for \$500. District Manager Scott Schneider shared Casey's mission of giving back to the community through Casey's Cares. This program provides funding opportunities for veterans and local schools through their Cash for Classrooms program. This check will be a first of many from Casey's to organizations and schools in Berrien County.

"We are incredibly proud to call Casey's second Michigan location, home. It's been a privilege and honor to work with the staff through the entire process and we look forward to their involvement in our community," said Juan Ganum, city manager for the City of Bridgman.

Bridgman Mayor Jan Trapani said, "The City of Bridgman is elated to welcome Casey's to our community, creating a beautiful addition to the commercial corridor at Exit 16."

Located just off the I-94 interchange at Exit 16, Casey's built their new location on a previously vacant lot on the corner of Rambo Rd and Red Arrow Highway. The building is the first to hold the new Casey's rebranded logo and building design.

Bridgman CGA Board President John addition to the City of Bridgman bringing active commerce to our interstate exchange. We are hopeful that their presence will begin a domino effect of continued growth and expansion to our area."

"Like much of Southwest Michigan, Bridgman is poised for continued growth. The addition of Casey's in Bridgman will undoubtedly bring an expansion of visitors and help spur the continued development of the Red Arrow corridor," said Arthur Havlicek, President and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber.

Known for their homemade pizza, Casey's has spent the last 35 years perfecting the art of providing a delicious slice, or pie, to travelers, friends, and families across the Midwest. As the fifth largest pizza chain in the U.S., they've become well known for their breakfast pizza, specialty pizzas like taco, and kid-favorite, plain cheese and pepperoni. If you are from Bridgman, you will recognize several of the staff at Casey's as ninety percent of the staff live within four miles of the store.

Welcome to Bridgman, Casey's! We can't wait to see what communities you will call home next in Southwest Michigan.

For more information on 2023 events and how the Chamber can benefit your business, visit smrchamber.com. Looking forward to seeing you around Southwest Michigan this

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older to come out of hibernation and meet friends at this lakeside destination during the 2023 St. Joe Winter Beer Fest. The event takes place on Saturday, January 28 from 12:00p-4:00p, outdoors, on the corner of Broad St. and Lake Blvd. in St. Joseph.



New this year, a limited number of VIP tickets will be available (until 11:59pm December 31) for \$75 and will include admission, a tasting cup,

St. Joe Today invites everyone 21 years and 15 tokens (one token per sample), 30-minute early access to the event, and a long sleeve Winter Beer Fest t-shirt. General Admission tickets will still be available for \$40 and will include admission, a tasting cup, 12 tokens (one token per sample). Sunset Coast DJ will be providing the entertainment.

Amy Zapal, executive director of St. Joe Today, expects that beer fans will be excited about the lineup of Michigan breweries planned for the festival. The 2023 event will feature twenty (20) breweries.

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Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob." Isaiah 2:3

Mountain

tors, the most popular mountain in the world is Mount Fuji. It is the

tallest mountain in Japan. Its distinct beauty is breathtaking. It's the stuff of poetry, art, and history. And because it's possible to reach the summit without special mountain climbing equipment, hundreds of thousands climb Mount Fuji every year.

The climb, however, is difficult and long. There are certain items you need to bring with you. You will need protective clothing and good hiking boots. You need rain gear in case of sudden storms. And for the portion of the trail where you'll be walking in darkness, you'll need a battery powered headlamp. When you stop halfway up to catch a few hours' sleep, you'll need earplugs to block the noise. For food, bring along high calorie food sticks and energy bars, and bring water. And in case you begin to get light headed towards the summit, a small can of oxygen is a particularly good idea.

There is another mountain that exists—a mountain far more breathtaking than Mount Fuji. This mountain is of an entirely different kind. The prophet Isaiah calls it, "The moun-

In terms of visi- tain of the LORD." It's his inspired way of describing the presence of Christ the King. Coming to this mountain is not about bringing the right clothing, the right equipment, the right food. It is not at all about climbing through darkness, storms, heat, and cold in the hope that you might make it to the sum-

> Rather, it is all about the Holy Spirit using the message of Christ crucified and risen to draw you into God's presence through faith in his Son. It is all about the gospel empowering you to bask in the forgiveness Jesus has earned for you, to be filled with his peace, to proclaim Christ with your fellow believers, to trust his will for your lives.

> There is one thing you can bring along, however, your sin. Bring your sin for your King and Savior to wash it all away.

> Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for the mountain of your grace. Move me to bring you my sin every single day. Amen.

> > Submitted by:Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum Administrative Pastor Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Originated by: www.What AboutJesus.com

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I enact this ritual every year, 57 times, or however many bowl games there are, and always thoroughly enjoy it. Although I only see on average about 1 minute, 27 seconds of any given bowl, what with getting up to go to the bathroom, or obeying my wife's edicts to "Clean up those crumbs!," or falling asleep, or relocating to another room because someone else snuck in and poached my cocoon while I was going to the bathroom.

I hope I see more action this year, so as not to

Or No. 4. Or No. 5

best when it's "All in." Meaning the play involves tight end Eric All.

I'd nickname this guy "Humbug": University of Georgia offensive lineman Aliou Bah. However, since he's 6'5" and 330 pounds, I would I'd humbly

What's to Love About College Bowls? - Name It!

Professors Team:



miss the deathless eloquence of the game announcers who are apt to make comments like these, (which I actually heard this season): During a replay, a color analyst blurted out "Here, there's an outside defender coming from the outside"; another explained about a hustling player, "He always never takes a

I especially want to be watching, in case an announcer shares a quote from this very column, which is my annual compendium of interesting monikers belonging to college football players who may, in a year or two, cause me incalculable agony as they fail to produce enough fantasy football points for me to beat No. 1 son. Or No.2. Or No. 3.

The University of Michigan's passing attack is

bug - I mean beg - his permission first!

We Have

SAFES!

Illinois has an offensive lineman I would nick-

name "Homa": Joey Okla. Here are a few members of my annual All-

Sounds Like a Group of Distinguished Hogwarts

Illinois linebacker Isaac Darkangelo;

University of Oregon defensive tackle Popo

Penn State lineman Saleem Wormley;

Penn State defensive lineman Coziah Izzard: North Carolina State linebacker Aristotle

Seven McGee plays wide receiver for Oregon. Can you guess what number he wears?

I'm putting these names under "citizen's arrest," for being so, well, arresting; check 'em out:

Washington State running back Djouvensky Schlenbaker:

Tulane University kicker Valentino Ambrosio; Coastal Carolina defensive back Matthew

And his defensive backfield mate Zxaequan Reeves:

University of Central Florida linebacker Stone

Tell me you see this too? -- UCLA can put "The Cum Laude" brothers on the field: tight end Sam Summa and offensive lineman Dovid Magna.

This guy just HAS to be drafted by Buffalo's NFL team: University of Utah tight end Keaton

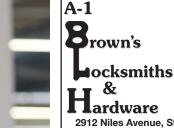
This University of South Alabama defensive back's name brings to mind a safe and secure place to store sweet potatoes: Yam Banks.

We now introduce you to University of North Carolina offensive lineman Diego Pounds whose nickname should be "330" since, you know, that's how many Pounds we're talking about.

It's just tooooo easy for this Washington defensive back's teammates to call him "Dr J," right?!?! – I mean, he's Julius Irvin . . . it's a slam dunk!

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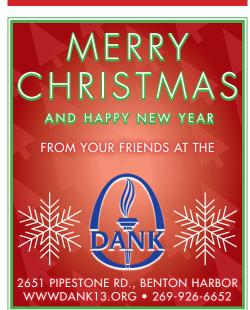
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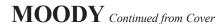


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they need to figure out a more sustainable way to live as refugees for an extended period...perhaps generations.

The South Sudan refugees are among the most unfortunate people on the planet. Sudan has been in a constant state of war since their independence from Britain in 1956 and South Sudan has fared no better since its independence in 2011. Most Sudanese people have been refugees' multiple times within their lifetime and have faced unprecedented challenges

About the Project

The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor has been active in supporting two settlements, Olua and Mugala, in Uganda and most recently shared an update about the purchase of a diesel operated grain mill for each settlement to be owned and operated by a collective of Ugandans and refugees working together. Having the grain mills will allow them to grind their own grain as

well as provide service to neighboring people as a source of income.

This year, 84 young women have been identified as those who have been "disaffiliated" from their families and communities. All were traumatized and had either been victims of violence or had witnessed violence against their family or friends prior to fleeing to safety. None of these women had formal education and many were young and married and had been removed from the household by their husband, sometimes with young children. All these women were feeling hopeless, insignificant, powerless, invisible, and without futures. Several of these young women were even suicidal.

The women leaders from the settlement interviewed the young women and families and were tasked with selecting 20 women from each settlement to participate in this program. Those selected range in age from 14 to 22 years old.



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Grosse Pointe Rotary led the first stage of the program to provide training to the women on a number of topics relevant to their lives and to foster connection and group identity. The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor with funding from a Rotary Foundation District 6360 matching grant, then launched the next phase, which focused on the development of business management skills. This work was facilitated by a local trainer who works for the Ugandan government to set up cooperatives.

This training curriculum included:

- personal budgeting
- cooperative budgeting
- · product assessment
- assessment of cost and quality of supply materials
- · customer relations
- · conflict resolution
- · profitability and profit sharing
- · self-sustaining business modeling
- · skills assessment
- logistics
- accountability

Throughout the training process, the young women gained new skills but most importantly, found hope. The young women were empowered to make decisions about the types of cooperatives to establish and how they should be structured. Cooperatives were formed around beading and embroidery, hair care and styling, and animal husbandry. The cooperatives are structured so that each young woman learns skills and experience in all areas. The young women meet to set up rotating schedules for work and childcare.

Stories of Transformation

Nyamut, age 18, escaped the violence in her country, having witnessed the atrocities of war. To help her family survive, she was married off to a much older husband. He did not support her education and she was forced to drop out of school. When she became pregnant, he put her out of the household. Her parental household could not afford her needs and the additional needs of the baby. She existed only with the meager support of her settlement. Sometimes she would stay with a widow, help her chop wood, and fetch water. Once her baby was born, she became even more vulnerable. She saw absolutely no future for herself. She could not go back to school because she could not afford it and now, she would need childcare. She thought about suicide as the only way out.

She is excited about now being able to bring something to the table of her family, as she says. She loves the exchange of innovative ideas with the other young women and sees a brighter future for herself.

Apojak is now 20 and became an orphan in the fighting. She has had to find ways to survive on her own in the settlement. She has had no formal education whatsoever, but she had a hunger to develop life skills and was proactive in her approach to the women leaders to ask that she be considered for the program.

Through the training she has developed a love for learning and says she wants to enroll in school and hopes she will still be learning when her hair turns gray. For the first time in her life, she feels like she belongs

People in the settlements have known these young women over the years and are amazed at their transformation. They are excited for them and for their futures. SSLCD staff say the young women are using some of their newfound enthusiasm to challenge them (in a good way) to find funds to engage the 40 plus other young women so that their lives can change as well.

Story by SJBH Rotary's Emily Kirchner

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Celebrate Safely this New Year's Eve

Fun might be the top priority on New Year's Eve, but safety must be in the mix as well. As you make plans for a night out this New Year's Eve, it can help to keep these safety tips in mind.

- Utilize a car service. Whether it's a ride-sharing service like Uber, a friend, or even a private limousine for large parties, leave the New Year's Eve driving to the professionals. This ensures that no one will drive after having too much to drink.
- Go out for dinner first. (See ads on these pages) Experts at the University of Notre Dame's McDonald Center for Student Well-Being note that having food, especially foods that are high in protein, in your stomach prior to consuming alcohol will help slow the processing of that alcohol.
- Make a plan. Overconsumption of alcohol is not the only potential danger lurking on New Year's Eve. Large crowds can make it easier for friends to become separated, especially if they plan to visit more than one establishment before or after the clock strikes 12. When going out with a group on New Year's Eve, create an itinerary, complete with meet-up spots, for the entire night.

The average cost of a DUI is more than \$10,000 and there is no price that can be placed on a life that is lost. So for 2023... arrive alive, don't drink and drive.













The Housing Market in Southwestern Michigan

Alan Southwest Michigan local housing market has slowed for ten consecutive months in 2022. Potential homebuyers have faced significant increases in selling pric-

es for the limited availability of homes for sale. If successful in contracting a home, they will find mortgage rates nearly double what they were at the first of 2022

The housing inventory available for sale across Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and the westerly two-thirds of Van Buren Counties reached 873 at the end of October. Last year the inventory was at 818 houses, so the gain was 7 percent. This small

gain raised the availability level to 4.1-months supply from 3.2-months supply in October 2021. For comparison, in October 2010, there were 3385 houses for sale and a 16.6-months supply of

The Freddie Mac mortgage rate climbed to 7.08 from 6.70 in September for a 30-year conventional mortgage. A year ago, the rate was 3.14.

In October, the number of houses sold fell to 294 from 367 in October 2021, for a 20 percent drop in sales. Year-to-date sales were down 14 percent from 2021 (2818 vs. 3259).

The average and median selling prices in October and the year-to-date selling prices set records in the year-over-year comparison, which dates back to 2006.

The average selling price rose 15 percent from that in October 2021 (\$386,894 vs. \$337,096). The year-to-date average selling price of \$341,454 was 6 percent higher than the \$321,711 price in October 2021.

The median selling price increased 11 percent to \$260,000 from \$235,000 in October 2021. Year-to-date, the median selling price rose 11 percent (\$249,250 vs. \$225,000).

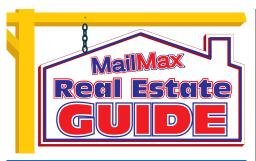
The median price is the price at which 50% of the homes sold were above that price, and 50% were below

The total dollar volume fell 8 percent in October 2022 (\$113,747,087 vs. \$123,714,421). Year-to-date total dollar volume at the end of October 2022 dropped 8 percent (\$962,220,066 vs. \$1,048,456,410).

Nine houses that were bank-owned or foreclosed were included as a percentage of all transactions. This increase raised the percentage to 3 percent of all transactions. For six months the percentage was at 1 percent. In January, the rate was 0 percent. The previous lowest percentage in October was 1 percent in 2021. The highest percentage in October was 34 percent in 2009.

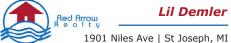
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and being smart with money. The other day, mom and dad offered to pay off the rest of my mortgage by loaning me the money with a very small interest rate. I know you don't like the idea of mixing money and family, but considering I have a great relationship with my parents, what do you think about this offer?

Lacy

Dear Lacy,

I'm going to make a suggestion before saying don't do this. See what I did there?

But seriously, I'd recommend they just make the money a gift and reduce your portion of any later inheritance by that amount. By doing this, you could help reduce the possibility of your brother feeling slighted in any way.

I would never loan my kids money. And here's why: One hundred percent of the time, the Bible says the borrower is slave to the lender. That doesn't exempt parents and their kids. No matter how nice your masters are, you're still a slave in this kind of situation—and you'll feel it. Family dinners and get-togethers are different when you're sitting down to eat with your masters—your creditors-instead of just good ol' Mom and Dad.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting you should act ungrateful that they offered a loan instead of a gift. It's a generous thing either way. But if they don't want to go the gift route, that's fine. You have a good job, a nice home, and you'll be okay. The thing is, I just wouldn't want to take a chance on straining a great relationship—or even ruining it—because of money.

Lacy, you're 32, a teacher and a homeowner. In my mind that says a lot about you, your maturity and your work ethic. That being the case, I get how this could be a weird thing for you to do. So, I'm going to give you an out: Blame me. Just tell them you talked to me, and I said don't do the loan idea. Tell them I gave you the make-it-a-gifttied-to-the-inheritance idea.

If your mom or dad wants to talk to me about things, that's fine. I'll be kind to them. But I'll tell the truth like I always do.

- Dave

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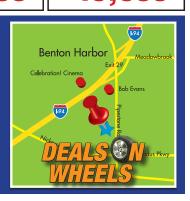
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