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Piggin' N' Grinnin' To Be Sidelined By Surgery

One of the area's long running bar-b-que and take out spots is calling "time out", hoping to return after dealing with some personal health issues.

Piggin' N' Grinnin', 2114 South Cleveland Avenue, St. Joseph announced on Facebook that it will close February 18 to allow owner Michael Piaskowski to undergo open heart surgery. The announcement says the popular roadside drive-thru take-out establishment will shut down with plans, hopefully, to return in 2024.

"Due to scheduled Open Heart Surgery. It is with a heavy heart and gratitude to all our customers and employees that we are announcing the closing of Piggin N Grinnin on February 18th 2023. We will be open for business thru the 18th of February. Get your orders and Last Taste of our South to Your Mouth BBQ until then. God willing we will be back in a years' time! Prayers and orders are always welcome."

Piggin' N' Grinnin' started in the downtown Benton Harbor Arts District in 2004 with both takeout and sit-down dining. The pandemic apparently led to the move to Cleveland Avenue a couple of years ago, taking over a drive-thru facility that was originally a coffee shop. Outdoor seating was available in the warmer months. The Piaskowski's have also offered offsite catering, featuring their signature bar-b-que items.

South Haven: One of USA's Most Beautiful Towns

South Haven has been named one of the 15 most beautiful towns in the U.S. by WorldAtlas.com.

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Destination Wedding!

This week's article is an excerpt from **Sara Fellows** on the BuyLocalBerrien.com blog.

As a recently engaged individual, I can say probably one of the most stressful things in my life is planning my dream wedding. More specifically, picking the perfect destination. If you are like me, you have probably

talked about everything under the sun and more. Backyard barbeque, upscale golf course, rendezvous at the courthouse, elegant chapel, and even during sunset at the beach. The wonderful part is, no matter what your dream wedding looks like, you're in the right spot right here in Southwest Michigan. We

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live in a place where your “destination wedding” can be a stone’s throw away. To all my winter brides and grooms, let me take you on a journey; I will even cover your train ticket.

Our first stop takes us to the edge of the St. Joseph River, in the quaint town of Niles. The Fernwood Botanical Garden venue is a beautiful place to host your fairytale winter wedding. With several venue sites, the ability to accommodate just about any size wedding you could dream of is plausible at this magical nature preserve. A few of their sites include, but are most certainly not limited to: the Sims Education Center, Clark Gallery, and the Summer House. These three scenic sites accommodate a range of guests from 50 to 150. All sites come with tables and chairs for the predetermined number of guests, as well as audio and visual capabilities. This is perfect for putting together a slideshow presentation with all the best memories. Don’t forget to put in the heart-warming photo of your “cry face” when he got down on one knee too.

Next up we find ourselves in the rolling hills of Bangor at Something Blueberry Farms. When I tell you this venue gave me goosebumps, and maybe even a few internal squeaks, it is no lie. While scrolling through the photos I obtained, I may have fallen in love. Not only does this venue have a beautiful chandelier that I am an absolute sucker for, it also has a rustic picturesque staircase. If you love vintage and rustic types of scene this may be exactly what you’ve been searching for. Worried about the temperature? Fear not the fridged winter air, firepits are available to create a cozy environment. This venue can accommodate up to 225 guests.

Located on 28th Avenue, near Abernathy Lake, this venue is sure to make your special day a one-of-a-kind memory.

Our final destination on our romantic journey is beautiful Buchanan. Here we visit the vineyards of Tabor Hill Winery and Restaurant. Who doesn’t love Michigan vineyards? I know, you may be thinking, why would I choose a vineyard in the wintertime? Let me tell you. First, their wine is absolutely amazing (real quick shout out to their Blueberry Demi-Sec). In addition to the delicious beverages they offer, they also offer catering for your event. If you have not enjoyed their scrumptious food, I urge you to hop on over with your fiancé and grab a bite. This venue can accommodate anywhere from 70 to 130 guests and tables and chairs come included.

I could go on and on for days about the wonderful, breathtaking dream destinations to host a wedding in Southwest Michigan, but we all know the train must drop its passengers off at some point. However, I do want to leave you with a few other destinations to take a peek at during your planning considerations. The Point O’ Woods Golf Course in Benton Harbor, The Silver Beach Carousel in St. Joseph, Watermark Brewing Company in Stevensville, and The GhostLight Theatre in Benton Harbor are all beautiful locations to host as well.

If you are currently engaged, soon-to-be engaged, or single and just planning ahead for the future, I hope you enjoyed this trip together as much as I did. So darlings, congratulations, good luck, and happy planning.

Visit this blog post online at BuyLocalBerrien.com to read the full article and to see photos of the featured venues.

(See more wedding info on pages 5-7)

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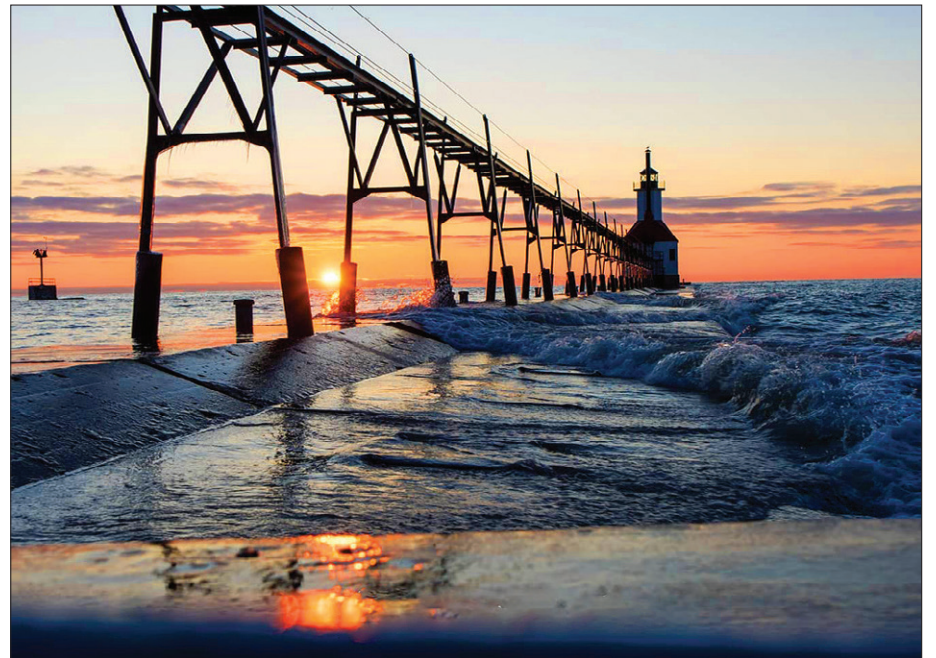
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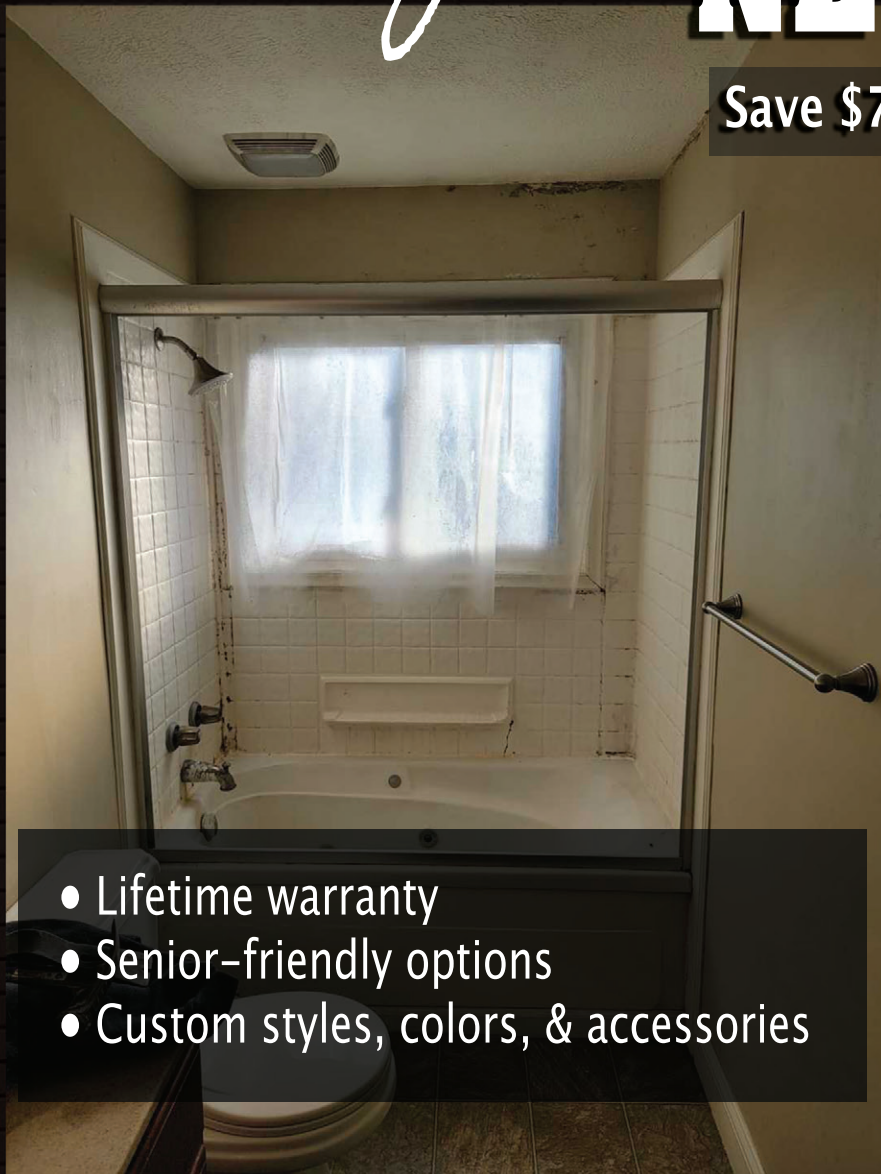
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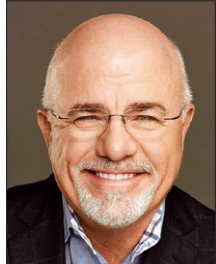


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Dave Says

I Know He's Your Dad, But It's His Responsibility – Not Yours

Dear Dave,
My husband and I just heard of your plan. We are excited to learn more about money, and we have already saved up \$1,000 for our beginner emergency fund. Right now, we have a problem. My father has never taken his finances seriously, and the other day he asked us for \$400 to pay his cell phone bill and overdraft fees at his bank. Even as an adult, he would go to his parents regularly before they died asking for money when he always had a good job. Giving him the money right now would make things really tight for our family, and we don't want to lose the ground we have gained where our finances are concerned. Do you have any advice?
- Brooke

Dear Brooke,
Way to go! It makes me to happy to hear folks so charged up and on fire to get control of their finances. You won't regret the decision.
I'm going to be straightforward with you, ok? You and you husband need do the right

thing, no matter how dad reacts to this. And the right thing, right now, is taking care of your family first and not putting your finances in jeopardy. If I were in your situation, my answer to dad would be no.

I understand there's a feeling of obligation to help your father. But it sounds like dad needs to learn a lesson or two about life and money. When you say your dad is irresponsible with money, handing him more of it won't help. It would be like giving a drunk a drink. On top of that, it will reinforce the idea he can continue being dumb with money and there will be no consequences.

Trust me, I understand the emotions involved in helping out a parent. If you feel this is a situation where there is literally no alternative, I'd suggest making the \$400 contingent on your dad beginning—and successfully completing—a good financial counseling course. Whatever you do, be gentle and respectful when you talk to him. And make sure he understands it hurts when you see him struggling.

But let him know, too, it's his responsibility to work through his bills and take care of his finances.

– 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. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," 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 of Ramsey Solutions.

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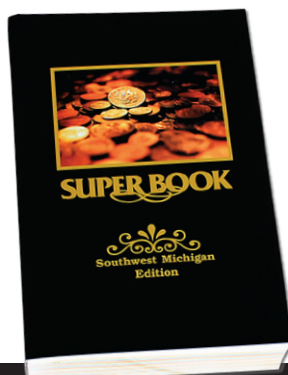
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Successful toasts help shape social events

A toast is a drink raised in the health or honor of someone. Such salutes are typically accompanied by some heartfelt words or tokens of advice. Toasts are a common component of social gatherings, including retirement parties, milestone birthdays and weddings.

Toast of the town

It's difficult to pinpoint who originated the practice of toasting. Several ancient societies would raise a glass in honor of deities or special guests. Ancient Greeks offered libations to the gods as a part of ritualistic practices, and also as a point to drink to each other's good health. Ancient Romans at one point instituted a practice that all people must drink to Emperor Augustus at each meal.

The term "toast" has an interesting history. Dating back to the 16th century, toast refers to a piece of toasted bread. A piece of toast was commonly added to wine during this time because wine was quite inferior in quality

then compared to modern vintages. Stale bread was placed into the jug to soak up acidity and improve the flavor. The wine also improved the palatability of the old or spiced bread. According to National Geographic magazine, by the 18th century, the term "toast" had been transferred from the floating piece of bread to the person honored by the toast. Eventually, "toast" represented the drink raised, or the words offered with the gesture.

Prepare for a toast

Toasts can be off-the-cuff remarks shared in the moment, but for many special events, they should be prepared well in advance. Nowadays, some toast-givers devote extra time to preparing toasts, particularly because they know these sentiments can live on indefinitely on social media. Giving a toast can induce anxiety, but some nerves can be relieved simply by doing one's homework and not procrastinating.

Writing tips

A person giving a toast is trying to gain the attention of a group of people who may not be very attentive. These tips can improve the content of the toasts and their delivery.

Keep 'you' out of it. This toast is not about you. It's about the person you are honoring. Therefore, do not put any self-congratulatory messages in the toast. Make it all about the person — even beginning the toast with that person's name.

- Hook people in. Open the toast with a good joke or anecdote that will help introduce the person of honor. For example: Jake is a great guy because he's the type of person who will offer to meet you at your dorm room at 2 a.m. with pizza and beer to get you through a study session. Too bad he has a horrible sense of direction and repeatedly shows up at the wrong door.

- Tell a story. Reference the person in the toast, other

audience members, and even yourself if you can be painted in a self-deprecating light.

- Keep it short. This is a toast, not a monologue. Be brief so that the audience doesn't lose interest. Set a five-minute limit.

- Wrap it up. Conclude the toast by tying the story back to the introduction and making sure to include the audience once more. This will help you get the biggest laughs and applause.

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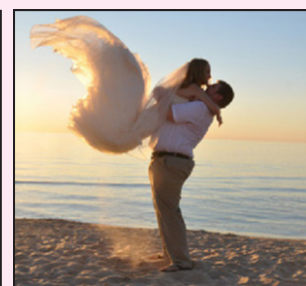
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Popular and lasting wedding traditions

Weddings are steeped in tradition. Some of those traditions may be exclusive to particular families, but many others are embraced by families of various backgrounds.

Couples needn't feel beholden to popular wedding traditions, but some may feel that these customs make their weddings more fun and serve as a great way to connect their ceremonies with those of their parents, grandparents and possibly even their ancestors.

Old, new, borrowed, blue

The rhyme "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" is likely familiar to people about to get married. This traditional rhyme has existed for centuries and refers to items a bride should wear and keep

with her on her wedding day. The old alludes to a bride's past, the new refers to her future, the borrowed is intended to be something borrowed from a married couple or bride, and the blue is a symbol of purity, love and fidelity. These items are traditionally given to the bride-to-be by family members or female friends who are already married.

Bridal veil

It's now up to brides if they want to wear a veil on their wedding day, but it was once a tradition all brides adhered to. Some trace the tradition back to ancient Greece, while others suggest the tradition began in the days of the Roman Empire. Veils were believed to shield brides from evil spirits on her wedding day, thus paving the way for a healthy and happy future. Many brides still wear veils today, though

likely due more to their aesthetic appeal than out of a belief that the veil will ward off evil spirits. Some brides still use veils to cover their face as they walk up the aisle, while others flip the veil over their heads.

Gifting knives

Perhaps one of the lesser known superstitions surrounding weddings, giving knives as a wedding gift is a no-no for some people. The origins of this superstition are uncertain, but people who abide by this tradition feel that knives are symbolic of a broken relationship. That would likely come as a surprise to the many engaged couples who have a set of knives on their wedding registries.

Carrying the bride over the threshold

Historians trace this tradition, which Hollywood has undoubtedly helped to keep alive, all the way back to medieval Europe. Also inspired by a bride's perceived vulnerability to evil spirits, the tradition of a groom carrying his bride over the threshold into their new home was believed to keep the spirits from entering the home through the soles of the bride's feet.

Breaking glass

Couples break glass for different reasons on their wedding days. Within the Jewish faith, one member of the couple will stomp on a carefully wrapped glass to serve as a reminder of the destruction of the Jewish temples and to inspire reflection among those in attendance. Italian newlyweds also may smash glass, but they'll do it with a little more gusto. Local tradition in Italy dictated that, at the end of the wedding, the newly married couple would smash a wine glass. Folklore suggests that the number of pieces the glass breaks into indicates how many years the couple will stay together.

Tradition is part and parcel of many weddings. Some traditions are more solemn than others, but all can add something meaningful, dramatic and even a little fun to the ceremony.



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Tip: Plan to choose your date 18 to 24 months in advance.

Tip: To help plan your time together, download the free **Visit SW MI** app from Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council or look through their online itineraries. Then ask the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council staff to pull together brochures and maps that you can add to your welcome packets for guests.

Tip: The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council offers a free hotel bid service to help you get the best rates for hotels in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Stevensville. Just ask the staff to put your wedding or special event date(s) out for bid and the Tourist Council will contact multiple hotels. They'll then send you prices from the hotels that are willing to bid.

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rapher John Moen and his wife Chris Woolwine-Moen, according to the website.

Today, World Atlas says it is one of the largest publishing resources in geography and other topics it covers, including sociology, demography, environment, economics, politics, and travel.

Here's what the site had to say about South Haven:

"This southwestern Michigan beach town more than holds its own against a slew of other Lake Michigan gems. First and foremost, South Haven has an excellent waterfront, with long sandy stretches sub-divided by the South Haven Pier, which itself is complete with a postcard-perfect, bright red lighthouse. Aside from the scenic shoreline, South Haven also has a well-stocked, pedestrian-friendly downtown core, and a wealth of nearby inland lakes and nature trails to explore."

According to the website, the other 14 most beautiful towns in America are:

- Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- Cloudcroft, New Mexico
- Homer, Alaska
- Moab, Utah

- Bend, Oregon
- Key West, Florida
- Skaneateles, New York
- Brevard, North Carolina
- Leadville, Colorado
- St. Charles/Geneva, Illinois
- Forks/La Push, Washington
- Sedona, Arizona
- Haleiwa, Hawaii
- Bozeman, Montana

SJ 'Uptown Apartments' Get Upscale Re-Make

A Florida entrepreneur says he's fallen in love with St. Joseph and Michigan's Great Southwest. As a result, Leonard Schulz is totally renovating an apartment complex in uptown St. Joe, near the key intersection of Niles Avenue and Main Street.

Schulz tells us the Uptown Apartments, which have been quietly serving tenants at 1117 Niles Avenue since the 1970s, will soon take on an upscale feel, catering to young professionals who have followed employment to St. Joseph or Benton Harbor, but are frustrated when they look for a nice apartment to call "home."




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There are eight one-bedroom apartments in the Uptown building. Schulz describes them as "roomy, very adequate size-wise." However he says, they, of course, need updating to appeal the Millennials and Gen-Z tenants he's targeting. All the apartments will be essentially the same and rent in the \$1200 per month range when they go on the market late winter or early spring.

Schulz says infrastructure is being updated throughout the complex, including internet, security cameras and locked storage areas for each unit. Landscaping and outdoor lighting will follow in the spring. He promises there will be a "new fresh feel" to the entire project. Schulz says there is off-street parking for each unit.

When asked about how he came to acquire the Uptown Apartments, the Palm Beach Gardens, Florida resident smiles, chuckles and shares a story:

"I was looking for a house and ended up buying the apartments. They were listed one day and I bought them by noon the next day. I was the first one in a line that formed quickly."

Schulz said the property seemed to jump out at him from the online listings.

He quickly called his Realtor, who went to the location and gave Schulz a quick Facetime walk-through. He decided to make an offer and by the end of the day, the deal was done.

Schulz also bought a house on Highland Avenue along the St. Joseph River, where he expects to spend the warmer weather months, while maintaining his Florida residence in the winter. He says he never imagined himself as a "Michigander", but developed a strong attachment to the area, built on a 30 year friendship with Randy Bettich, a financial planner and Senior Vice-President at Stifel, a wealth management firm on Hollywood Road in St. Joseph Township.

Lease information for the newly renovated Uptown Apartments can be obtained by contacting Mike Green at Greentown Coastal Realty 269-208-4139.

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 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 1,085
 NATIONAL RETAIL BONUS CASH *.....- 1,000
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Granite Crystal, 6.7 Cummins DIESEL Engine, Trailer Brake Controller, Power Trailer Tow Mirrors, Electronic Shift-On-The-Fly Transfer Case, Chrome Appearance Package, Rear Power Sliding Window, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Auxiliary Switches, Clearance Lamps, and Much More! C22196

MSRP.....\$65,485
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 990
 BONUS CASH.....- 1,000

SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$63,495

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AS LOW AS \$62,995

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WAS \$39,729



2018 FORD TRANSIT 350 HR DRW CARGO VAN
NOW \$37,128

3.2 I5 DIESEL Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 126K Miles, SYNC, Preferred Equipment Package, CD-Player, Single Slide Side Door, Reverse Park Aid, Back-Up Camera, Limited Slip Axle, Trailer Brake Controller, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F22263A

WAS \$25,903



2019 BUICK ENCORE ESSENCE AWD
NOW \$23,848

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Forward Collision Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Ebony Twilight Metallic, U22169

WAS \$17,950



2012 CHRYS
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5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Touchscreen, Remote Keyless Entry System, GL

2016 FORD FLEX SEL AWD

WAS \$21,488



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3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 90K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Multi-Panel Vista Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Kona Blue Metallic, F22226A

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2016 AUDI A3 PREMIUM QUATTRO 2.0T AWD SEDAN
NOW \$19,995

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 75K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moonroof, Front Collision Warning, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Silver, M22012C

WAS \$30,806



2021 HONDA HR-V EX-L AWD
NOW \$26,824

1.8 EFI Engine, 1 Speed CVT Automatic, Styled Steel Wheels, 35K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moonroof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Start, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black Pearl, C22137C

WAS \$36,987



2019 FORD FLEX SEL AWD
NOW \$28,752

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitoring System, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Burgundy Velvet, U22133

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WAS \$33,467



2019 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4
NOW \$30,908

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 40K Miles, SYNC, Power Front Seats, Rear Parking Aid, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Metallic, F22252A

WAS \$40,995



2022 HONDA ACCORD EX-L HYBRID
NOW \$36,855

2.0 EFI Engine, 1 Speed CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 14K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moonroof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Driver Monitoring, Cross-Traffic Alert, Rear Parking Aid, Blind Spot Monitor, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty, Crystal Black Pearl, F22039B



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WAS \$27,574

2020 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD

NOW \$26,663

1.5 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 22K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black Metallic, U22158



WAS \$46,892

2021 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED WILLYS 4X4

NOW \$44,708

2.0 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 17K Miles, Remote Start, 3-Piece Black Hardtop, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Sarge Green, U22131



WAS \$54,569

2020 TESLA MODEL 3 LONG RANGE AWD

NOW \$43,297

Electric, 1 Speed Automatic, 40K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Aerial View Display System, Front Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Balance of Factory Warranty! Deep Blue Metallic, C22166A

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WAS \$34,302

2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT Z71 DOUBLE CAB 4X4

NOW \$30,649

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Bedliner, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Red Hot, U22112



WAS \$34,302

2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT Z71 DOUBLE CAB 4X4

NOW \$30,649

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Bedliner, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Red Hot, U22112



WAS \$28,994

2020 GMC TERRAIN SLE AWD

NOW \$25,816

1.5 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Front Collision Warning, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Blue Emerald Metallic, U22147



WAS \$57,995

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2.0 Hybrid EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, SKY 1-Touch Power Top, Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop, Full Speed Forward Collision Warning, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Sting-Gray, M22023A



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6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome Clad Aluminum Wheels, 145K Miles, Bedliner, Power Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, C22087B

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WAS \$54,995

2021 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED WILLYS 4X4

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2.0 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Sky One-Touch Power Top, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Alpine Premium Audio System, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, LED Headlamp and Fog Lamp Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty, Sting-Gray Clearcoat, U22140



WAS \$35,209

2019 CHEVY BLAZER LT AWD

NOW \$31,756

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Lane Change Alert, Side Blind Zone Alert, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red Hot, U22160



WAS \$24,943

2021 FORD ECOSPORT SE 4X4

NOW \$19,842

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automate, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, SYNC 3, Heated Front Seats, Power Moonroof, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, F22238A

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2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4
NOW \$15,999

1.5 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 113K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Magnetic Metallic, F22060D



2021 JEEP RENEGADE TRAILHAWK 4X4
NOW \$32,806

1.3 TURBO, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 7K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, Dual Pane Panoramic Sunroof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Silver Glacier Metallic, C23038A



2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4
NOW \$35,357

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Auto, Alum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Nav, Power Driver's Seat, Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moonroof, Power Liftgate, Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite Crystal Metallic, U22192



2020 FORD F-250 SRW REGULAR CAB 4X4
NOW \$45,995

7.3 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, STX Appearance Package, Roof Clearance Lights, Uppfitter Switches, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Balance of Factory Warranty! Race Red, F22273A



2016 RAM 3500 LARAMIE LONGHORN CREW CAB 4X4
NOW \$62,875

6.7 Cummins Turbo DIESEL, 6 Speed Auto, Alum Wheels, 36K Miles, Dual Wheels Rear Axle, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start & Keyless Entry, Nav, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Sunroof, Touchscreen Display, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Brake Control, Bright White Clearcoat, C22210A



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Pet Lover

The Pet Corner

Do you ever wonder why your pet does certain things? Like stare at you? Or follow you around? I found some interesting answers to these questions while looking for some (of course) other information. Not surprisingly, dogs stare at us to express affection. The release of oxytocin caused by staring plays a role in bonding and feelings of love and trust. Your dog follows you everywhere because they love and trust you and you make them feel safe. Following too closely (Velcro dogs) can also mean they are bored, scared, or just being nosy. Why does your dog follow you into the bathroom? Because in their pack mentality, they know you are vulnerable then and want to protect the pack, that's you! What does it mean when my dog lays down and sighs? With eyes closed and muzzle on their paws, they are pleased. With eyes open, they might be disappointed you're not going to play with them. Does my dog get angry with me? Not in the way people get angry. While they might be upset by a certain situation, they don't feel the emotion of anger about it. Do dogs like us to talk to them? They do! While they can't talk back, they love the attention and the sound of our voices and are happy to engage in their own way. Why does my dog want to sleep with me? Because as a puppy they slept with their littermates and felt safe and secure, so they want the same from you. They also just want to hog the sleeping space!

While all these were geared toward dogs, I'm sure there are plenty of us with cats that can relate. My cats love to follow me around (when they're not taking one of their several daytime naps), love to stare at me, and of course, want their share of the blankets. Oh yes, and they will also follow me into the bathroom. I'm not sure what their motives are, however, except maybe just being nosy applies here.

Heading into the depths of winter, here are a few signs that your pet might be too cold:
 1) Shaking and shivering. 2) Hunched position, tucked tail. 3) Whining, barking, meowing.
 4) Change in behavior, anxious, uncomfortable.
 5) Doesn't want to walk, turns back.
 6) Seeks shelter. 7) Lifts paws.

Ace makes it very clear when he is cold and doesn't want to walk. He simply sits down and will go no farther. Our husky/malamute on the other hand wanted to play ice hockey with a frozen pan of water. Considering the type of dog you have, pay attention to their behavior when they're outside in the cold.

A few "pleases" for this month. Please be courteous during the winter months and pick up after your dog when walking in your town or neighborhood. Just because it's snowing is not a reason to leave it be; it doesn't melt when the snow does. If you recently adopted a puppy or even an adult dog, please make sure they are vaccinated as your veterinarian advises. Especially be vigilant about their parvo vaccine. Parvo virus is an insidious disease that moves quickly and will take your pet's life with no mercy. Since there is a way to prevent parvo, please do so. Please clean up antifreeze spills and check your outside pet's water dish often. And when it's below freezing, please bring those pets inside or make certain they have a warm, dry place for shelter. If it's too cold for you to stand around outside, it's probably too cold for them.

either not go out into public or if I must, I'll wear a god-awful mask and social distance, not just for me, but for you.

So, it irks me to hear real estate professionals, some at the highest levels of rank and authority, attempt to convince us that what we're seeing just isn't so. The market breathes. It ebbs and flows. There are bull runs and bear markets. Ups and downs. Market corrections are not a bad thing and to pretend otherwise or outright deny they are happening, is either being sheer ignorant to the facts and symptoms of the market, or they're being intentionally manipulative, like some authoritarian handler that "knows best". These are the people you should question, not take cues from.

Self-awareness in sickness is key but having an understanding of the past, and being able to identify external patterns in the market today, like symptoms of the body, will have you seeing through the B.S. like Neo sees through the Matrix. Interest rates continue to rise. Inflation is still ticking upward. The dollar continues to lose value. If you think the housing market is immune to this recession, wake up.

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TODAY'S MARKET – 23Q1

It was about this time last year that I wrote about what we're now in the middle of – a declining housing market.

At the time, it was easy for the professional peanut gallery to remind us of the lack of inventory, that interest rates weren't THAT bad, and that listings weren't slowing down. There weren't enough "symptoms" in the market (or honest self-awareness) to expose how misleading these statements were.

What was failed to be mentioned, was foreclosures were up over 700%, the once 10-plus ravenous buyer offers on a new listing just weren't happening, and that because interest rates weren't as high as they were in the '80s (over 40 years ago!) that somehow we should feel comfortable making a possible horrible investment decision.

COVID taught me a lot about myself. One of my positive takeaways was a heightened level of self-awareness. I remember coming down with a cold, pre-COVID, and not caring about whether I put those around me at risk. I would wear, like a badge of honor, my sickness in public.

I mean, weren't we all taught to toughen up and push through the pain of a temporary sickness? You were considered sub-par (in former sales positions I've worked) if you called out sick...even if you were. Today, if I were to get sick, I'm now honest with myself and others. I will

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PET OF THE MONTH

Damian and JackFrost are both neutered males who have become the best of friends. We would like to see them go home together. They would do well with older children, and potentially could go to a home with cat friendly dog. JackFrost is roughly 3.5 years old, and Damien is 2.5 years old.

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What do you want?

When [John] saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" John 1:36-38

When someone asks, "What do you want?" how often do you say what you really want? When the waitress asks that, do you tell her the truth? You want the twenty-ounce porterhouse steak, but you order the club sandwich because it's less expensive.

Sometimes, "What do you want?" can be a simple question, but other times it can be difficult. Jesus asked that question of the two disciples that John the Baptist sent after him. How would you answer if Jesus asked it of you?

Do you say what you really want, or do you settle for the safe answer? You know the safe answer, "Jesus, I want you to take away my sin!" And that is, obviously, a good thing to want.

But what about later when you're not reading this devotion? What will you

want then? Admit it, there are a lot of other problems in your life that Jesus could take away. It would be nice if Jesus made life a little bit easier and took away the world's crime, hunger, and poverty.

But don't devalue the gift of forgiveness. Jesus taking away the sin of the world is nothing like settling for the sandwich when you want the steak.

Realize that you fight a daily struggle to remember that the reason life is hard is because you are a sinner who lives in a world broken by sin. Sin is the reason you're unhappy. Sin is the reason life is a pain. Sin is a problem you cannot solve on your own.

So when the Lamb of God came, he took away the sin of the world. And by doing that, Jesus did not just give you what you need; he also gave you what you want! He stopped your problems at their source and guaranteed that, in the heaven he won for you, you will have the perfect life you want..

Prayer: Lamb of God, help me to want the forgiveness that you earned for me. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum
Administrative Pastor
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If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

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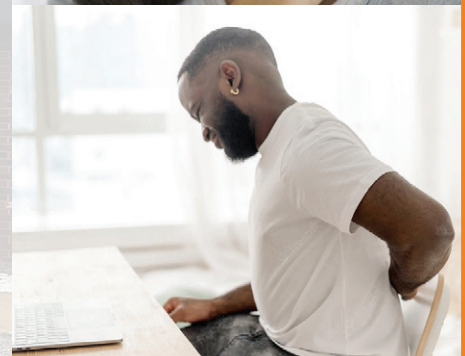
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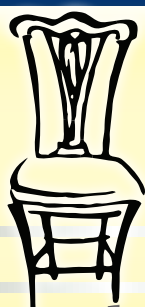
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**Don
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Humorist

difference between rabbits and hares, but consider this: In our culture, we tell children the moon is "a big ball of cheese!" In China, kids are taught to look at the orb and see the Moon Hare standing near a boulder under a Cassia tree, holding the Elixir of Immortality in its paws.

(This reminds me of one of my favorite Peanuts comic strips. Charlie Brown and Linus are watching the clouds. Charlie Brown asks Linus if he sees any shapes, and Linus replies that one formation resembles the profile of Thomas Eakins, a famous painter and sculptor. Charlie Brown says "Well, I was going to say I saw a horsey, but never mind.")

There are many famous rabbits in western pop culture: Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit; Peter Cottontail; the Easter Bunny; the unfortunate Lepus that a crazed Glen Close slays and boils in the movie Fatal Attraction. Which, contrary to popular belief, was NOT written by Beatrix Potter.

On the less famous side, there was a short-lived rock band called Year of the Rabbit. A reviewer once described one of their albums as, "Emanating from a muted mystique that zigzags through their debut with the deftness of, well, a rabbit." I'm not sure that's praise, but the lead singer of Year of the Rabbit probably loved it; he came from a band called Failure, which usually earned critiques equivalent to its name.

A rabbit who's enjoying about four minutes of fame as we speak is a young woman from Boston named Brittany Falconer, who's quoted in a globally published article by the Associated Press. She was interviewed for the sound journalistic reason that the reporter met her by using, "I write for AP" as a pick-up line. Luckily, Brittany was born in a Rabbit Year, perfect for the reporter's assignment.

In the article, she says she doesn't consider herself particularly lucky – a supposed trait of Rabbit people – although she admits,

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"I've been very lucky in enjoying an uptick in complementary drinks." Three of which were purchased by the AP reporter after Brittany snuck out of the bar where they met.

In the end, I'm sure most everyone agrees that the most famous rabbit of all is the killer rabbit from the movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail. The rabbit guards the cave of the Legendary Black Beast of Aaaarrggggghhh, which King Arthur and his Knights Errant must enter as part of their quest for the Grail. Several of the knights are ripped to shreds attempting to pass this fluffy white bunny with razor sharp teeth, and it's not vanquished until the survivors throw the Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch.

If you've never seen this film, you're probably not so amused right now, but I gotta tell ya, as a Monty Python fan, I'm replaying it in my mind, and giggling as giddily as Brittany Falconer after a night of scoring complementary drinks!

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As a lover of travel, Marrie owned and operated Reddel Travel for over 40 years with her husband, Roger. A bonus of the business was the ability to take many travel adventures with her family and friends to the Caribbean, Japan, Argentina and beyond.

On January 11, 2023, Marrie, 78, passed away at home with her husband and three children by her side. She lived with Parkinson's disease for the last years of her life while still enjoying time with her family and bird-watching in her beautiful backyard.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Roger Reddel, her daughters Tracey Carter & Jennifer (Carter) Sykora and son, Brook Reddel, her granddaughters Kelley & Zoey Sykora, and great grandson Noah; her sisters Becky (Mike) Brown and Francie VanderMolen, her brother Tim (Iris) Allen and numerous nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Tommy, her brother-in-laws Steve VanderMolen and David (Lou Anne) Reddel, her sister-in-law Pat (Stu) Bischoff, her nephews Nick Bischoff, Kevin & Bryan Brown.

Marrie was born on May 28, 1944 in Michigan City, IN to Mary Jane & George Allen of Long Beach, IN. In 1957, the family moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Marrie graduated from Robinson School in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She received an associate's degree in Art from Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington D.C. and started her travel career as a PanAm ticket agent in St. Croix.

She was an abstract painter and curated her home with her beloved collections and treasures from her travels. Marrie was a role model to her children, and their friends, plus her nieces & nephews. Her love of life was contagious; she will be missed greatly by many and remembered forever.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Marrie's name can be made to Caring Circle Hospice or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research at give.michaeljfox.org.

A visitation was held at Starks and Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, MI, on Monday, January 16, 2022 from 4-6pm. Those wishing to share a memory of Marrie online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com



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