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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody**

Whirlpool Bike Tunnel on track

By Ryan Yeunger

A dispute between Whirlpool Corporation and Benton Charter Township that could have caused delays on a major construction project has been resolved.

Township officials said after a meeting between the two parties Thursday afternoon, a mutual agreement has been reached regarding an easement near the location of the recently started Lakeview Trail tunnel. The construction on M-63 near Whirlpool's headquarters.

Benton Township had previously asked Whirlpool to guarantee the township an easement for future sewer work as part of its construction agreement for the Lakeview Trail tunnel. This would allow for increased access to the new trails on the Whirlpool campus.

Whirlpool expressed concerns this could cause a delay in the construction project, and said at Tuesday's township board meeting they were willing to work with the township on the easement – but said it should be a separate issue from the tunnel construction.

After Thursday's discussion, Benton Township Supervisor Kathy Yates said she was happy to announce an agreement has been reached, and Township Attorney Dave Eberle released the following statement:

"Township representatives had a very productive conversation with the Whirlpool / Cornerstone team this afternoon. The township remains excited about the project and is glad that

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Sarah **Spoonholtz**

Regional Director, SMR Chamber

Business Recognition Award Winners!

Continuing with our nominees and winners from the 2023 Business Recognition Breakfast. This week we are honoring and celebrating our Economic Impact Award winner and our Ambassador of the Year.

Starting off with the **ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD:** Each year, this award goes to a local enterprise with 50 or more employees that has made significant contributions to the

economic vitality of the region through business growth, job creation, investment in infrastructure, and participation in other endeavors that benefit that community and its residents. The company must also exemplify excellent corporate citizenship by giving back to the community in which it operates and possessing a corporate culture that enhances

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the lives of its employees.

This Year's Economic Impact nominees include:

- Berrien Springs Public Schools for their Arts and Athletics Center; and
- Whirlpool Corporation for their investments in the St. Joseph Tech Center and the new Emma Jean Hull Flats

And the winner is... BERRIEN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Berrien Springs Public Schools is a premier district that seeks to inspire students to become self-directed learners in an environment that promotes collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking skills. They strive to provide students with realworld problem solving and experiential learning with individualized options, believing students are inspired to learn when they have opportunities to be involved in their learning process. "The Shamrock Way" encourages and inspires students to think, learn, achieve, and care in a global community.

Already considered a trailblazer in education opportunities for students via their Virtual Academy, BSPS completed the build of a \$19.7 million state-of-the-art Arts and Athletics Complex in 2022. This followed the completion of the upgrades and build out on the newly upgraded Sylvester Field.

Broken into two spaces, the Performing Arts Center provides classrooms for choir and band programs, drama and musical productions, and a new performing arts auditorium. The second half of the space houses the Indoor Athletic Complex and provides an auxiliary gym with practice space for up to three indoor athletic teams at one time, additional team locker rooms for male and female students, and a fitness and weight room.

BSPS services a highly diverse student population that makes the district rich with culture, talents, interests, abilities, skills, and needs. Their highly qualified staff develops these students into self-directed, lifelong learners who demonstrate personal competencies in academic achievement, technology, and citizenship.

The only award that was not selected by those in attendance, but instead by their fellow Ambassadors is our **AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR:**

This year that title went to **LURALYNN** WRIGHT, KSS ENTERPRISES

Luralynn is an insightful business professional and her current role as an account manager for KSS Enterprises offers countless opportunities for her to work her magic. She uses a team approach to guide customers to resources that best match their requirements.

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Photo of the Week



Warren Woody

A Red-bellied Woodpecker grabs a bite at Warren Dunes State Park. **Photo by Michael Collins**

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Dave **Ramsey**

Financial Expert The Ramsey Show

Dave Says I wouldn't do it that way

Dear Dave.

I have an uncle who wants to gift some property to one of his sons, myself and my sister. The property is about two-and-a-half acres, and it's probably worth around \$125,000. My wife and I are trying to pay off debt in Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we're not sure how we feel about the situation. What do you think? Dave Dear Dave,

If your uncle asked me if he should do this, my answer would be no. The thing is, you've got three different sets of people with different lives and very different situations. Not only that, but these three potential co-owners probably have differing ideas about the land and what should or shouldn't be done with it. To me, the whole thing sounds like a big family fight just waiting to happen.

If I were in his shoes, I'd just sell the property and split the money equally between the three of you. It'd be a lot easier that way, and you'd avoid the chance of hard feelings between you and

your relatives down the road. Don't get me wrong, your uncle sounds like a kind and generous man. He's trying to be a blessing to all three of you, but it has a very real possibility of causing unintended problems he may not see coming.

That's the way I'd handle it, Dave. A couple of acres of dirt split between three people isn't worth all the squabbles and bad feelings it could cause.

— Dave

Description automatically generated * Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." 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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Among Luralynn's unique qualifications are 20+ years in consultative sales positions in the jan/san, medical and pharmaceutical arenas. She holds an MPA in Health Administration from Indiana University and a BS in Life Sciences from Purdue University.

Luralynn is a transplant to Southwest Michigan, moving here almost 20 years ago. She is ever grateful for the natural beauty of Lake Michigan, the charming quaintness of our coastal towns and the welcoming enthusiasm of our diverse communities.

She enjoys hiking, gardening and beach combing, as well as exploring Southwest Michigan's many treasured local events, businesses and restaurants. As a SMR Chamber Ambassador, she is honored to represent a business community that truly embraces "live, work, play in your own backyard."

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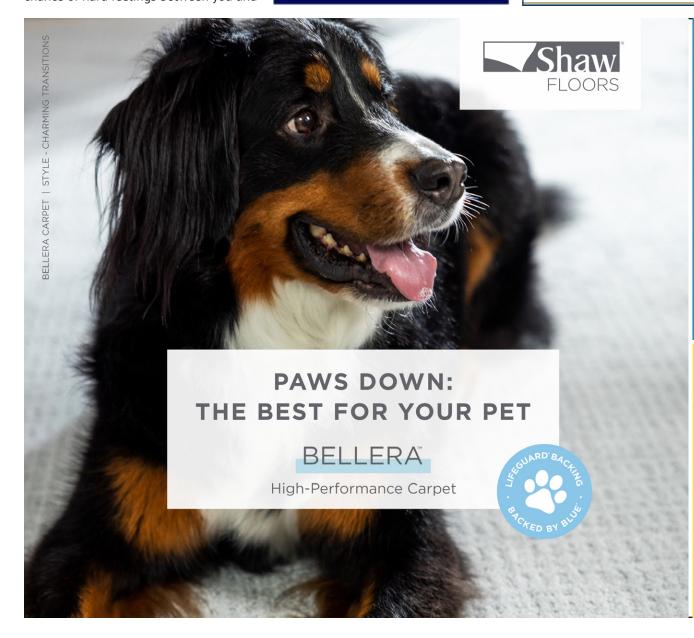
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the parties were able to reach a mutually acceptable resolution. A revised construction agreement will be presented to the township board for final approval at an upcoming meeting. Any additional details regarding the matter will be presented at that time as well."

A Whirlpool spokesperson confirmed an agreement has been reached, but did not immediately offer additional comment.

Hot Yoga, **Boxing Studio Shala 606** Opens in Downtown St. Joseph

By Ryan Yuenger

A new business with eyes on helping customers in the pursuit of self-realization is now open in downtown St. Joseph.

Shala 606, a combined yoga and boxing studio in the former Waterfront Framing location at 606 Ship Street, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday (Feb. 23) with the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber.

Clare Ramirez, who also owns Boxing House International in St. Joseph, is a former boxing champion and licensed instructor who trains with amateurs and professionals alike.

"I became a champion in the south and west side of Chicago, and I trained with people who didn't have a lot in life – they didn't have a lot to lose.", Ramirez said. "I've also trained with police officers who worked with those same neighborhoods and we were all on this same living and operating level in life and in the boxing gym. They really were, and are, still some of my deepest connections. I just feel that boxing creates this community that you can't find anywhere else."

She said boxing has been a catalyst for positive change in her life, and wants to spread that throughout the community. She also explained how boxing and yoga fit together.

"You have to be 100% present [during boxing] or you can break your nose," Ramirez said. "That's what yogis spend their entire practice trying to find, this complete presence and complete meditation."

Ramirez said when a person is in the ring, nothing exists in the past or future - forcing a person to live in the

"Having that space to be in for many years really shaped and shifted my life in the most incredible ways," she said. "For me, it's the biggest mirror of yourself ... it's a great school if you're into studying yourself."

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"Above all, we've made it our mission to teach the world how to build strength, character and spirit through focused fitness, meditation, conscious travel and mindful living," said Ramirez, during the ribbon cutting. "Whether you're new to this or a master of the craft, Shala 606 can help you dissolve stresses and shape a stronger, better you."

Dayan, who is a professional musician and lifelong dancer from Havana, Cuba, will be teaching salsa dancing classes at Shala 606.

"When I trained with the Olympic boxing team down in Havana, part of my training was salsa classes," Ramirez said. "Cuban boxers are some of the best in the world, and they're masters at moving their feet. Salsa is a huge part of that."

To sign up for classes or find out more about Shala 606, visit shala606.com.

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During "When 'No' Leads to Innovation," Sterling shares her entrepreneurial journey and how she and her team overcame rejection by thinking audaciously about how to challenge the status quo.

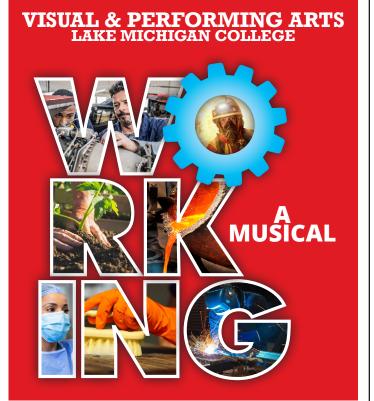
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The Exchange Club of Southwest Michigan held its annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon at Washington **Avenue Church of God**. The service club has organized the luncheon to honor local law enforcement personal for many years.

The honorees are chosen by their peers for their work in the community, showing honor and bravery while on duty. Each officer had a representative from their office introduce them and why they are being recognized.

Eight police officers from Southwest Michigan were honored. They are shown in the photo above from left to right.

- Officer Eric Wolff from St. Joseph Township, who will retiring soon,
- Officer Wesley Springer-Grounds from Lincoln Township,
- Officer Alex Povenz from Benton Harbor Charter Township.
- Officer Jacob Wright from the City of St. Joseph,

- Detective Sergeant Cory Peek from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office,
- Detective Thad Chartrand, nominated from the County of Berrien, and
- Trooper Brock Belanger from the Michigan State Police.
- Officer Kelly Wilkins (non pictured) from the City of Benton Harbor was also honored but unable to attend due to an emergency.

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Prosecutor. also spoke on "Public Safety, Every Day, Every Minute." The event was organized by Jim Ashbrook of the Exchange Club of Southwest Michigan.





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Heaven Is for Perfect People

[Jesus said] "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

It might surprise you, but it's true. Heaven is for perfect people.

But if we're honest with ourselves, we must admit we're not perfect. True, most people can avoid committing the kind of heinous felonies that end up as breaking news. Most of us will never be the subject of a crime docudrama. Many people manage to be considered helpful neighbors by those who live next door. But getting through life without committing a capital offense – or, conversely, accumulating a long list of friends—doesn't mean you're perfect. Frankly, no one's perfect.

But Jesus tells us, "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." At the end of Matthew chapter five, he says

www.MailMaxOnline.com again, in no uncertain terms. "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (verse 48). Do you want to get into heaven? Perfection is the only way.

So does that leave us out in the eternal cold? It would if Jesus hadn't come to save us from our sinful selves. You see, what we cannot do, Jesus can do. Indeed, he has done it. Jesus is, "a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:19). He's perfect, sinless, and completely righteous.

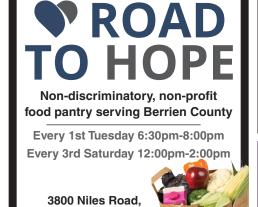
But he's not perfect for his own sake. He's done it for us, for everyone. You want to be perfect? You are and will be in Jesusforever. Sinners who acknowledge their imperfections but then throw themselves before God's mercy, seeking forgiveness, receive perfect forgiveness in Jesus alone.

How is that possible? St. Paul tells us. "God made him who had no sin [Jesus] to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness [perfection] of God" (1 Corinthians 5:21). In other words, because of who Jesus is and what he has done, God declares you perfect in his sight. We switch places with Jesus. We can confidently believe that heaven is ours, not because we're perfect, but because Jesus is. And his perfection is our perfection.

Believe it. It's true!

Prayer: Jesus, help me see that you are my perfection, my guarantee of heaven. Amen.

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HOLT BOSSE PROMOTES KATIE WHITE AS CONTENT DIRECTOR

St. Joseph, Michigan (Feb 28, 2023) Holt Bosse recently promoted Katie White to fill its new content director position. She ensures Holt Bosse's staff, freelancers and influencers consistently produce on-brand content messaging on time and within budget for the St. Joseph-based advertising agency's clients. White directs and oversees all aspects of promotional content, including digital and print advertising, social media, photography and video.

"Katie is our guru of content development and distribution trends for our diverse client roster," said Holt Bosse Co-President Dave Holt. "Her knowledge and strategic leadership are invaluable to our social media and account service teams."

White brings 16 years of account management and program strategy experience to her new position. Most recently, she was Holt Bosse's director of account services, managing campaigns for a range of business-to-consumer, business-to-business and not-for-profit clients. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations from Western Michigan University's Lee Honors College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 2006.

A community leader, White is the past president and current public relations chair for Lakeshore Rotary Club in Stevensville. She also serves on the boards for St. Joseph Today and the Silver Beach Carousel Society. White, her husband Jack and their two sons live in St. Joseph.

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Don Stuart Humorist

Tidbits Biographical, Geographical and Piratical

Last night we went to a high school theater production of "The Pirates of Penzance." It was my wife's idea, and she kind of regretted

For one thing, she didn't realize that the show is – how should I put this? – somewhat attenuated (that is, old!), especially by her standards, wherein any movie made before

2019 is an oldie. And "The Pirates of Penzance" was written in'79. That is, 1879!

She also regretted that I knew just enough of one of the 143-year-old songs in the show to sing a portion of it throughout our drive home. ("I am the very model of a modern major general/ I've information vegetable animal and mineral/ I know the kings of England, and I quote the fights historical/ From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical!")

All sung at breakneck speed, mind you! But her biggest regret was that once we got home, I went on an extended binge of "Pirates of Penzance" research, and thus she had to sit through my recitation of factoids like these:

"The Pirates of Penzance" was written by the famous popular-musical-writing duo of Gilbert and Sullivan. Arthur Sullivan wrote the music, and W. S. Gilbert wrote the libretto, a highly technical musical theater term for all the other stuff that isn't music.

~ A piece of music written by Sullivan was among the first in human history to ever be recorded, on a new gizmo invented by Thomas Edison called the phonograph. At a party where he heard the recording for the first time, Sullivan was invited to use the phonograph to record a message to Edison. In it, he said "I can only say that I am astonished and somewhat terrified at the result of this evening's experiments: astonished at the wonderful power you have developed, and terrified at the thought that so much hideous and bad music may be put on record forever."

The W. S. in Gilbert's name stood for William Schwenck, and I believe if you don't count words ending in "-ed" or with an added s" that Schwenck is tied for longest one-syllable word in the English language.

~ Penzance is a real place. It was in 1879 and still is today. It's a town way out towards the end of the southwestern peninsula of England, which is the English county of Cornwall. The good citizens of Penzance have

embraced their connection to the G & S operetta. The town's official coat of arms features a pirate, in full G & S costume. And the town's rugby team is nicknamed the Pirates.

When "Pirates of Penzance" was written, the town had gained the reputation of a peaceful seaside resort – thus the musical's title, suggesting pirates overrunning the place, was immediately amusing to British audiences. For you MailMax readers, the corollary might be something like "The Buccaneers of Bridgman."

~ Hearkening back to this column's introduction, I'm sure that whenever it comes to town, my wife will want to see - again! - the musical "Hamilton," about founding father Alexander Hamilton. But I wonder if she'll experience an involuntary cringe when she hears this snippet of pre-...wait-waaaaaypre-...2019 material; at one point, the George Washington character refers to himself as "the model of a modern major general."

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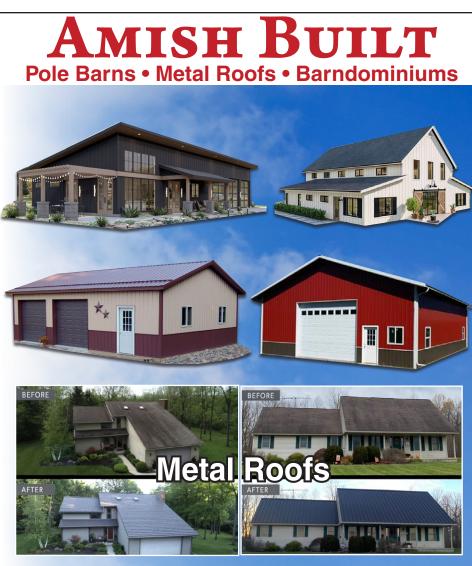
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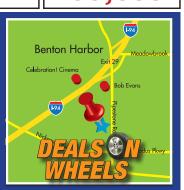


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