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Moody on The Market

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Stevensville artist uses new children's book to spread love, heal hearts

Stevensville resident and professional artist Cherie Okonski has ambitious plans following the release of her first children's book, *The Secret of Gumper the Rabbit*.

From a mascot in the Blossomtime Parade to a continuing series of *Gumper* books, Okonski wants to make her character a household name. But, it's not for her own sake – she sees Gumper as a symbol of love that can mend people's hearts both figuratively and literally.

Gumper is the story of a fictional rabbit who born with short, stumpy ears and a heart-shaped nose. Before sending him off to the pet store, his mother – concerned about his differences – reminds him of how special and loved he is. While his differences initially are a source of sadness for Gumper, with the help of a friend he eventually learns his differences are what make him special, and comes to realize firsthand what love feels like when he risks his own life to save his friends.

"It may be a little altruistic, but my hope is that Gumper brings people together," said Okonski, a mother of two and former bus driver in the Lakeshore School District. "Our world right now is so compartmentalized into



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Sarah Spoonholtz

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LMC Career Fairs

Last week I shared with you a few upcoming events, including touching on April 19th's Lake Michigan College's Career Fair. This week, I'd like to go a little more in depth and include information about the Manufacturing Career Fair on the 18th as well. Not one, but two great days to connect with potential employers depending on what

industry you, your child, or someone you know might be interested in. Both events are co-sponsored by **Lake Michigan College**, **Michigan Works!**, and the **Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber**.

The **Manufacturing Career Fair** is from **4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18**, in the

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Glenn Rosenbaum
Pastor

But there was something else. Near the middle of the picture, a small, frail tree clung to the rocks at the edge of the falls. One of its branches reached out in front of the falls itself. And there, in the elbow of that single branch, a bird had built a nest. Her little ones were asleep, content, and undisturbed under the shelter of her wings.

In this life, peace is not the absence of trouble or turmoil. After all, we live in a fallen, broken world, and by nature, you and I are fallen, broken people. Unexpected storms, sudden grief, and jarring disappointment will be with us until the day we die.

But there is something else. There is Jesus. There is God's forgiveness of our sins for the sake of his Son. And along with that forgiveness comes the Lord's promise to shelter us in every storm, every trouble, every moment of turmoil.

That's real peace. That's the only peace that matters. That is the peace under which you and I can rest, content and undisturbed.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, through faith in your Son, you have given me full forgiveness. You have also sheltered me in every storm. Remind me that, in you, we have nothing to fear. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum
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The Only Peace That Matters

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Romans 5:1

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The winning picture, however, had none of that. On the contrary, it contained elements that were not peaceful at all. An angry waterfall hurled itself down a rocky cliff. Overhead, dark clouds were beginning to explode with lightning, wind, and rain. Everywhere in this picture, there were signs of danger, menace, and trouble.

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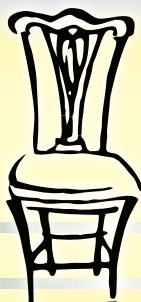
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Gotcha Doin' Good - Kevin Sweeney

Kevin's Story

Kevin Sweeney is a rockstar of a volunteer at the Readiness Center in Benton Harbor. He is always looking for ways to go the extra mile for kids in the after-school program. He brought the supplies for a creative craft project making "drawing robots" with the kids using pool noodles and electric toothbrushes.

He also serves up hotdogs from his hotdog cart during the summer and mac 'n cheese in the winter. It's people like Kevin that make Berrien County such a great community to live, work and play.

Thanks for being AWESOME!



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Berrien Community Foundation is seeking nominations for our Gotcha Doin' Good spotlight!

Gotcha Doin' Good is all about showcasing the awesome acts of kindness people do right here in Berrien County!

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If you know someone who fits the bill, scan the QR code or visit www.berriencommunity.org and click on the Nominate button! You can nominate more than one person by filling out the form multiple times!



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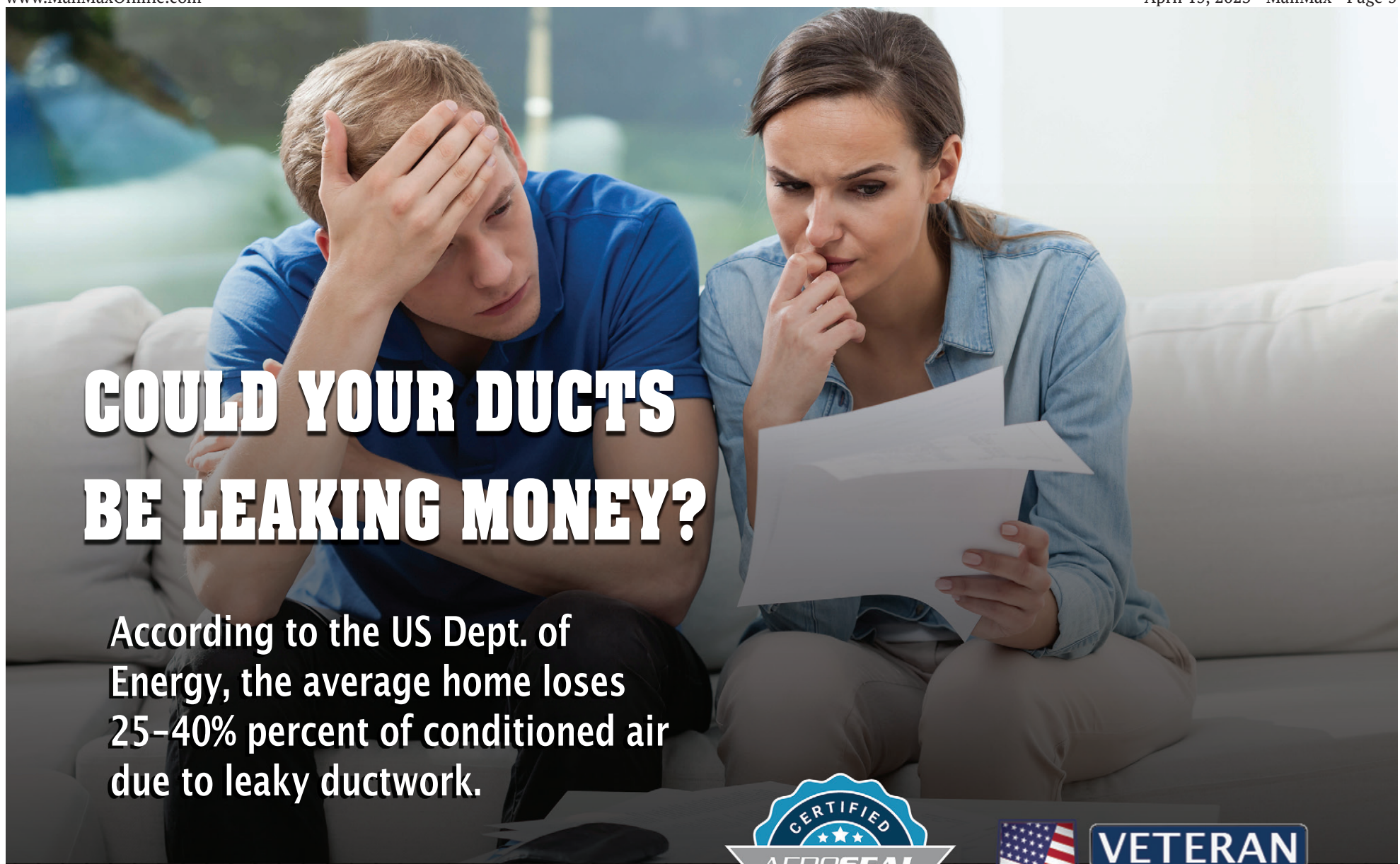
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Glen & Shelly Head

Glen: Right on Main Street's roundabout in the Benton Harbor Arts District, you can find an amped-up version of Southwest cuisine...not Southwest Michigan...THEE Southwest. **ANEMEL Tortaria** has been making fans with foodies in the area since last fall by combining global flavors into a Tex-Mex construct.

James Galbraith, who is also co-owner of **Houndstooth Restaurant** a few blocks away, along with his wife **Gabrielle**, wanted another restaurant venue where they could express their fun, hip, creative sides. The casual order-at-the-counter Tex-Mex eatery is ironically housed in a former TEXICO filling station. Today it is filling tummies and is now filled with an eclectic assortment of funky art and nostalgia.

Gabrielle (Gabby as everyone called her) thought we should try the **Nashville Hot Chicken Milanese** sandwich. It stands tall with a breaded crispy chicken cutlet, avocado, shredded lettuce, and pickled onions snuggled inside Bit of Swiss artisan bread. It gets its "HOT" from aji amarancho, a go-to chili pepper in South American cuisine. The spice level was right in my wheelhouse, but would be too hot for my mother-in-law, Joey. The spiciness lingers on the tongue but is tempered by the coolness of the lettuce and avocado. Along

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with the spicy and cool contrasts, there is also a fantastic ying-yang balance between the extra crispy texture of the chicken and the wet ingredients.



I asked Gabby about the unusual name. "It is pronounced like 'animal' because a fellow chef who worked with James at Houndstooth used to call a cook an animal if they were working extremely hard in the kitchen. The E's in the name are backwards on our logo just to grab attention and let people know it's a little different in here."

The corn tortillas of the **Arabes Verde Tacos** cradle glazed shawarma, pepita salsa and cilantro slaw. Shawarma is a popular Middle Eastern style of meat (Arabes in Spanish means Arabs). In this case the sha-



warma is lamb and beef thinly shaved off a rotisserie skewer which can be seen in the open-style kitchen. These street-style tacos are backed with bold flavor and a nice subtle sweetness from the glaze.

The tacos paired beautifully with an **El Pablo** brew from **Watermark** made for ANEMEL. Shelly sipped on a margarita on the rocks which didn't have the overpowering tart of margarita bar mix. "We also have a slushy-machine for both non-alcohol and regular margaritas," Gabby explained. "Kids love the slushies especially when we line the rim with Pop Rocks candy." How fun! For a truly unique cocktail, check out the **Spicy Paloma** made with mezcal and served in an artistic clay pot replica.

Next up were the **Chicken Katsu Bao Tacos**. Bao buns (pronounced "bow") are warm fluffy buns common in oriental dishes and they make perfect little pillows for the Chicken Katsu (think gourmet KFC of the Orient), shredded lettuce, cucumbers, lime mayo and a little kick from guajillo pepper. The chicken was very crispy and super juicy, and I loved the fresh crunch of the cucumber slices. Who thinks of an Asian taco? Domo arigatou, mi amigos!



We finished our visit with the **Cheeseburger Quesadilla** which had all the flavors of the "Big Burger" we all grew up on, but without the sesame seeds. The generous portion of hamburger and American cheese was melted in with American fries, onions, house-made pickles, and Heinz ketchup. The concoction is then folded into a giant tortilla, grilled to crispy perfection, and served with their version of "special sauce" known as Big John Sauce for dipping. This is very savory and extremely filling.



Whether you'd call ANEMEL a sandwich shop or a taco joint, you'd be selling it short on both accounts. It has plenty of seating inside as well as an outdoor eating space right on the roundabout. It's fun to grab a bite and just watch newbies trying to make their first attempt through a roundabout.

Shelly: When I come back to Anemel, I am definitely going to try the Ceviche. With the quality of ingredients we experienced, I'm sure it will be scrumptious.

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“Southwest Michigan has opportunities in so many business sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, education, and more,” said LMC’s Career Development Coordinator Kathi Szabo. “Holding these career fairs at LMC brings these opportunities directly to our students and community members, while employers can interview candidates in private, designated areas.”

Employers participating in the Manufacturing Career Fair include Midwest Die Corp., Niles Precision Company, Dura Mold, Techniplas LLC, JR Automation, Beaudoin Electrical Construction, Inc., New Products, Pratt Intermodal Chassis, Grotnes, Vail Rubber Works, Inc., Modineer, Eagle Technologies, Griffin Tool, Maximum Mold Group, Champlain Specialty Metals (CSM), and C&S Machining.

The next day, **April 19th**, is the general **Career Fair at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center Grand Upton Hall from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** As we’ve continued to hear from employers, the need for filling open positions continues to grow, especially for many in the hospitality industry as we begin to enter our summer tourism season.

The general career fair is open to local employers of all sectors to join in on this community wide career fair to meet with potential hires for full time positions, internships, seasonal or part time work, as well as the next generation of career explorers. A \$50 registration fee per business will be charged, but you are welcome to bring as many representatives from your organization as you like. AND, we will have rooms available for onsite interviews!

Some of the employers participating in the General Career Fair include Colby Event Services LLC, All-Phase Electric Supply, 1st Source Bank, Beacon Specialized Living, Goshen Health, State Farm, Pratt Intermodal

Chassis, Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, LECO, Bronson Healthcare Group, Royalton Manor, LG Energy Solution, Refresco Beverages Inc., Golden Shore AFC Home, Corewell Health, Journeyman Distillery LLC, Tri-County Head Start, New Products Corporation, US Army Recruiting, Teachers Credit Union, and CK Catering.

“Local businesses often tell us that one of the biggest challenges they face is finding employees to meet their growing needs,” said Arthur Havlicek, President & CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber. “Through these career fairs, we can help make a connection to address those needs while providing potential employees with their next career. Having community partners such as Lake Michigan College and Michigan Works! helps us all create a strong, healthy, and prosperous Southwest Michigan where business thrives, talent resides, and quality of life continues to be second to none.”

“We know that the number one challenge for employers in Southwest Michigan and around the country right now is finding skilled talent,” added Ian Gordon, Vice President of Workforce at Michigan Works! of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. “We’re excited to partner with Lake Michigan College and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber to bring another hiring event to our region with a focus on filling that gap.”

Both events are free for job seekers and career explorers of all kinds - community members, college students, alumni, high school upperclassmen of any kind - are invited to come ready to ask questions and talk about their skills. No registration for job seekers is required. For more information on either of these career fairs, email careerservices@lakemichigancollege.edu or call 269-6596.

For more information on other upcoming 2023 events and how the Chamber can benefit your business, visit smrchamber.com or email me at sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com Looking forward to seeing you around Southwest Michigan!

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putting people into certain spots, and that's universal. ... There's an innocence with animals. They're different from us. They're not judgmental. They don't put people in boxes. They just are there for us, and so that's a vehicle to share love, I think."

Proceeds from the book will be used to support children and families impacted by congenital heart conditions at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

"Gumper was created to make a difference in people's lives, but as it's evolved, it has taken on more layers than I thought," Okonski said. "He has a heart nose and that symbolizes who he is. My hope is that Gumper reaches into children's lives and families' lives and brings love. That's what he's designed to do."

Okonski said she wrote the *Gumper* about 25 years ago, but it wasn't until a few years ago she decided to sit down and illustrate the story.

"Three years ago, my mom was diagnosed with cancer and I was driving the bus for Lakeshore Public Schools," she said. "I was around kids at that time, driving them to school, and it was kind of a challenging time for me. And so I decided to pick the creativity back up illustrate the book."

The book is dedicated to a young adopted boy named Grayson, who was also born a

little different – he only had half a heart at birth. Okonski said the boy's grandmother worked for her husband, and she was moved by his story. Inside her book, a letter written from Gumper to Grayson reads "To Grayson, Who was born with a congenital heart condition, you have inspired me to love more. XO, Gumper."

"Grayson is six now, and he's had three surgeries and he's doing great," Okonski said. "In fact, we were at Zeeland schools, um, a few weeks ago and, um, we were able to see Grayson and, and meet his class and to read to them and everything. So, it just seems natural that that the proceeds of the book should help kids that are going through something similar to Grayson."

While Okonski is a trained artist who previously was known for her fine art portraits during her time spent in southern California, Okonski said she is now dedicating most of her time to developing the *Gumper* series.

She is in the process of creating a real-life mascot of Gumper to be featured in the Blossomtime Parade May 13, and possibly at hospitals and other events. Plans are in the works for merchandise, including a stuffed Gumper toy, a t-shirt with Gumper's face on it, stickers, word searches and more.

There is a new website, gumpertherabbit.com, and *The Secret of Gumper the Rabbit* will be translated into Spanish. Okonski also said

she has written the second book in the series, and hopes to release it later this year.

"The second book is going to involve a boy with disabilities," Okonski said. "My hope is to take his heart nose too and have that be an identifier so people just say 'oh yeah, that's Gumper. He shows love. He brings love.'"

Gumper can be found in the Lincoln Township Library, and Okonski has already brought the story into multiple area schools to read to kids from young ones up to 8th graders. This Saturday, April 8, Okonski will be hosting a book signing at Forever Books in St. Joseph from 1 to 3 p.m. Later this month, she will take *Gumper* to Los Angeles Times Festival of Books at the University of Southern California.

Just as all the other mother rabbits shared the story of Gumper's heroism with all the new generations of baby bunnies, Okonski is spreading the word anywhere she can. As the last page of the book reads:

"It doesn't matter the size of your ears or the color of your fur, it doesn't matter if you are picked first or last to go to a new home. ... All you have to do is give love to your new family and friends.

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Race packets may be picked up the day before the race at Silver Harbor Brewing Company, 721 Pleasant Street, St. Joseph, MI on Friday, May 12th from 5:30PM-7:00PM. Same day registration and packet pickup begins at 8:30 a.m. at Silver Harbor Brewing Company as well.

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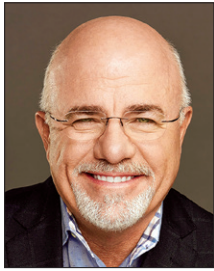
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Kristy
 Dear Kristy,
 I'm sure your husband's a great guy, but I think he's being a little naïve. I don't believe this whole student loan forgiveness thing is going to happen. If I'm wrong, I'm wrong. And if that time comes, I'll admit it. But to me, this is just another ploy—another carrot being dangled by politicians.

I've lived through several presidents—from both parties—who promised to give me prosperity. So far, none of them have delivered. Any success my wife and I have experienced has come as a

result of God's blessings, our hard work and a stubborn refusal to give up. Virtually none of the millionaires I've studied over the past 30 years got to where they are by looking to the government to take care of them. Instead, they left the cave every morning, killed something, and dragged it home. Believe me, there's a high correlation between people's ability to build wealth and the belief that their destiny is in their hands—not the government's.

If you sign for a loan—any loan—you have a moral and legal obligation to repay the money. Go ahead and roll the student loan debt into your debt snowball. Continue taking charge of your finances and your lives!

— Dave
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Color Me – Well, Anything But Ecru!

In the run-up to St. Patrick's Day, I was searching for a game to play on the trivia website Sporcle. Specifically, I was interested in games that would broaden my knowledge of Irish pubs.

Anyway, in the course of my work (or as my wife now snickers, "werrr-erk, ha!") I discovered that a very popular pub name in jolly old England is "The Green Man." Someday I may write more

about this and scads of others amusing pub names, but today's topic sprung from reading that most Green Man pubs of today use imagery of Robin Hood and his Merry Men, who wore clothing that was not just green, but a very specific shade of green, called Lincoln Green.

Of course, I had to google Lincoln Green and of course this led me a Wikipedia page called "Lists of colors." Which begins very matter-of-factly: "This is a list of colors." Then it rapidly gets kind of mind-bending, adjectively speaking. Consider some of these high-impact names:

Acid Green: A shade of light green. I cannot say what kind of "Acid" we're talking here, whether some nasty corrosive substance or some psychedelic substance, but at any rate, it looks like the color of the emoji that pops up on my phone when I type "puke." So maybe it should be called "Stomach Acid Green."

Air Superiority Blue, aka PRU Blue: This is a varietal, I guess you could say, of Air Force Blue, which connotes "a variety of colors that are most-

ly various tones of the color azure, the purest tones of which are the color of the sky on a clear day." The aka "PRU Blue" means "Photographic Reconnaissance Unit Blue," so named because it's painted "on the bottom sides of reconnaissance aircraft to make them less visible from the ground." Because they look like the color of the sky on a clear day! Now they're working on something PRU Blue-ish to camo the engine sounds.

Big Dip o' Ruby: This is a Crayola crayon color, meant to evoke the well-known red gemstone. The name is certainly appealing, and researching it taught me the following: Wikipedia half-apologizes how Big Dip o' Ruby displays on its page, saying "This is supposed to be a metallic color. However, there is no mechanism for displaying metallic colors on a computer screen." HA!!!!!! Something computers CAN'T DO as well as a crayon!!!!!!

Ecru: Ecru epitomizes the tortured precisely-imprecise language sometimes used to nail down what the heck color a color is. Here's what

ecru is – *nine* different ways:

- Close to beige, cream, ivory and in some cases, gray and yellow.
- Can present as bright off-white, or an earthy yellow.
- Shading closer to a light, off-white.
- Has hints of yellow making it closer to a tan or khaki.
- A warm neutral that includes hints of brown and gray.
- Has gentle gray, green and yellow notes.
- Closer to cream rather than white.
- Yellow and gray undertones make it darker than cream, ultimately making it resemble a shade much like beige.
- A grayish yellow that is greener and paler than chamois or old ivory.

That TOTALLY clears things up right?! Next week, 750 words that tortuously, precisely-imprecisely describe the difference between ecru, chamois and old ivory!

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Of course the first thing to remember is to, if at all possible, never leave your pets behind. The chances of them surviving the disaster decreases if they are left on their own. This requires some advance planning on our part, planning that includes knowing where we would go out of the area that is pet-friendly. Many emergency shelters do not accept animals, but you can find a list of hotels and motels that do and keep those phone numbers handy, if there are no family or friends who could take you in. You might also keep a list of animal shelters that take pets in as fosters in case of emergencies. Know your pet's veterinarian's number. Photos of your pets, in case you are separated, should go into the emergency kit. Much of this information could be saved on your cell phone, if you have one.

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These websites have some very helpful information on how to prepare your pets for a disaster and evacuation. www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness, www.purina.com/articles/dog/care/pet-disaster-preparedness-emergency-kit. The ASPCA site includes information on how to deal with larger animals such as horses, as well as birds and small pets such as hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, reptiles, and mice. The

American Red Cross also has great information on their website. Evacuation kits with necessary items can even be ordered from sites like Chewy.com and Amazon.

What if there is a reason you must leave your pets behind (such as no suitable transportation)? Then having a designated caregiver who would be able to look in on them once it is safe is helpful. Choose someone close by who is familiar with the animals, reliable, and approved by you to provide them with medical care. You can order waterproof "Pets Inside" stickers from the ASPCA to place on your home's doors to alert rescue workers to look for your pets. When taking your pets with you, writing Evacuated on the stickers lets rescuers know the house is empty.

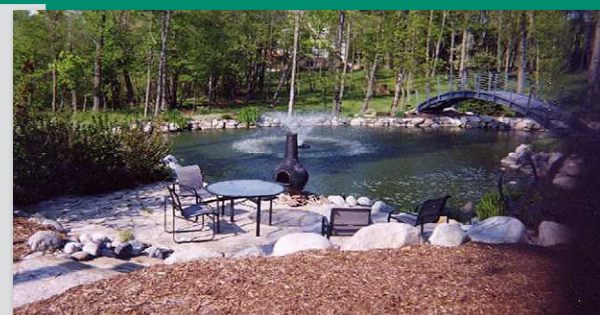
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