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## Moody on The Market

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### Erin Bennett New Owner of Harbor Town Interiors

Fifteen months ago, the owners of Harbor Town Interiors in downtown St. Joseph told MoodyOnTheMarket.com they wanted to retire—but they didn't want to close the store. Co-owner Mary Kay Hylton put it this way in February of 2022: "We want to pass the torch, not put it out! We're in our 60s, it's time. Maybe not next week or next month, but it's time. We're ready to phase out, but not just quit and go out of business!"

This week, Thursday morning June 1, Erin Bennett, owner of Final Design Kitchen & Bath in St. Joseph took up that 'torch' from Hylton and her business partner Stephanie Grill. Harbor Town Interiors will NOT close. Instead it is opening a new chapter as the second phase of Erin Bennett's entrepreneurial journey.

"It's time!" said Bennett. "Time to step up and do it, rather than see this outstanding store be closed and turned into another tee shirt shop!" Bennett was bubbling with enthusiasm in a weekend interview. "It's a treasure. It's my favorite go to place when design clients want something special. Harbor Town Interiors is going to be a 'perfect marriage' with Final Design!"

"At Final Design, we do everything that's permanent: floors, cabinets, counters, bathrooms, kiithens... Harbor Town does everything that's moveable: furniture and décor, draperies, wall coverings, accessories. It's the perfect combination that will allow us to make our clients happy."

Bennett will operate the two businesses separately. Final Design and its kitchen/bath showroom and design space will continue to operate at 1601 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph (across from Dairy Korner). Harbor Town Interiors will stay at 613 Broad Street, across from Broad Street Café (the old Fire Station). Departing HTI partner Stephanie Grill owns the building and will lease it to Bennett.

Bennett said each of her enterprises will hire a couple of new employees to focus sole-

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## Sarah Spoonholtz

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### All Things PICKLE in Berrien Springs!

The Village of Berrien Springs, the Berrien County Historical Association (BCHA), and the Berrien Springs Community Library are excited to share the official line up for the Berrien Springs Pickle Festival Preview Weekend in June and invite the community to join them for the 3rd Annual Pickle Festival on July 4th!

Preview weekend officially kicks off on **Friday, June 16th** with the **Berrien Springs/ Eau Claire Rotary Club Golf Outing** at Pipestone Creek Golf Course. Cost is \$65 per person, or \$250 for a foursome and includes 18 holes with a cart, donuts and coffee, a box lunch, snacks, water, awards, and prizes!

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### One Good Shot

If you happened to watch the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at PGA Frisco, you witnessed an incredible display of golf and grit as Padraig Harrington and Steve Stricker battled it out for the Championship. Harrington birdied the 18th to tie Stricker and head to a sudden death playoff. I can't even imagine the nerves and what it takes to settle in at that moment, let alone swing a golf club with everything on the line. In case you missed it, Harrington was first to tee off and hit his drive in the right hazard on the Par-5 eighteenth hole. Stricker laced a 3 fairway down the middle putting even more pressure on Harrington. In an attempt to advance the ball, Harrington hit the shot deeper into the hazard, forcing him to drop the ball a measly 285 yards from the green for his 4th shot.

Myself, and millions of other viewers, pretty much counted Harrington out as Stricker laid up to wedge distance. However, we got to witness one of the most in-

credible shots in recent history! Harrington blistered a 3 fairway, carrying it all of 285, over a ravine to offer him a 12-foot putt at par. Stricker missed his birdie putt, giving Harrington a chance to keep the playoff alive. Harrington missed the putt, but One Good Shot put him back in the mix!

The reason I bring this up is the importance of One Good Shot. When working with players, especially those new to the game, I stress the importance of this thought. I challenge them to hit One Good Shot on every hole. I've played a lot of rounds and have seen One Good Shot win both big bets and championships. I bet you can look back on a round and pick out One Good Shot that allowed you to make a birdie, par or even bogie.

The golfing brain is trained to pick out all the things we don't do well. I encourage you to flip the script and take note of all the things you did well. That could be a putt you wouldn't expect to make, a pure iron on a par-3 or finally hitting the fairway wood off the turf without it going sideways! One Good Shot can go a long way and just think, if you hit One Good Shot a hole, would that be reflective in your score?

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### Photo of the Week



**He ain't heavy, he's my brother!**

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On **Saturday, June 17th** the official **2023 Pickle Festival Royalty** coronation ceremony will take place at The History Center at Courthouse Square at 6:00 p.m. where a new Miss, Princess, and Prince will be crowned and the **2023 Grand Dillmeister** will be announced. Grand Dillmeister nominees are from the Berrien Springs, Berrien Center, and Oronoko Township communities and serve as one of the faces of the festival. Voting for the 2023 Grand Dillmeister runs through June 15th. Pageant registration is officially open

and will be available on the Berrien County Historical Association's website [berrienhistory.org](http://berrienhistory.org) under programs through Saturday, June 10th. For more information about the pageant, including contestant requirements, please email Rhiannon Cizon at [rcizon@berrienhistory.org](mailto:rcizon@berrienhistory.org).

**Sunday, June 18th**, runners, walkers, and joggers will enjoy the beauty of the **Andrews University** campus as they head to the finish line for the return of the **In a Pickle 5K Run and Walk**. Early bird registration is now open at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). All registrations receive a t-shirt and a finisher's medal. Questions regarding the 5K should be directed to Kelly Ewalt at the Berrien Springs Village Hall. Pre-registration ends on June 16th, with day of registration available. Registration can be found directly at: [www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/BerrienSprings/InaPickle5K](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/BerrienSprings/InaPickle5K).

Continuing to grow off its popularity as a sport nationwide, the **Berrien Springs High School Varsity Tennis Programs** will once again host a **Pickleball Tournament** as part of the auxiliary festival events. The 2023 tournament will take place on **Sunday, June 25th** at 3:00 p.m. at the High School Courts, with proceeds benefiting the boys & girls tennis programs. Cost is \$30 per team with a 4 match guarantee. Pre-registration information can be found at the Berrien Springs Pickle Festival Facebook page and is encouraged, day of registration will be available an hour before the tournament begins. For additional questions contact tennis coach Brian Shembarger 269-815-2033.

**Pickle Fest Scavenger Hunt June 26 – July 1st**, wraps up the final auxiliary activity before the 2023 Festival takes place. All

week, pickle fans are invited to visit participating businesses to search for a series of hidden pickle logos. Participants can pick up their scavenger hunt sheet at the Berrien Springs Village Hall, the History Center at Courthouse Square, the Journal Era, and the Berrien Springs Community Library starting June 20th. Completed forms must be returned to any of those three locations by 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 1st. All completed and correct forms will be entered to win a special Pickle Festival prize and will be announced during the Pickle Festival.

The **3rd Annual Pickle Festival** will once again be held at the **History Center at Courthouse Square and the Berrien Springs Community Library in Berrien Springs on July 4th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. This year's event will see the return of Vendor Alley, the Pickle Fling, the Big Wheel races, old fashioned pickle games, the pickle decorating contest, and the Pickled Piper Tasting Room. New this year will be a sweet relish eating contest and a dunk tank with proceeds going to Backpacks 4 Berrien. The schedule of events and further details will be made available at the beginning of June.

For additional details, including an updated schedule of events visit the Berrien Springs Pickle Festival's Facebook page (@BerrienSpringsPickleFestival) and the BCHA website ([berrienhistory.org](http://berrienhistory.org)). You can also email **Kelly Ewalt** with questions at [kelly@villageofberriensprings.com](mailto:kelly@villageofberriensprings.com).

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There are a few things to consider if you are thinking about buying a home with a down payment of less than 20%. First, you will likely need to pay private mortgage insurance (PMI). PMI is an insurance policy that protects the

www.MailMaxOnline.com lender if you default on your loan. PMI can add hundreds of dollars to your monthly mortgage payment, so it is important to factor that into your budget.

Second, you will need to have a good credit score. A good credit score will help you qualify for a lower interest rate on your mortgage, which can save you money in the long run.

Finally, you will need to be prepared for a higher monthly mortgage payment. A smaller down payment means you will be borrowing more money, which will result in a higher monthly payment.

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If you would like to learn more about our local market, what home prices are doing, or more about the Down Payment Assistance Program, give me a call and I will be happy to speak with you and answer all of your questions. 269-312-7100 or email me at [Allan@AllanSellsHomes.com](mailto:Allan@AllanSellsHomes.com)

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### Screen Time

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Children less than two (2) years of age should not be doing any screen time at all. This does not include when trying to use FaceTime, etc, to communicate with friends and family.

Children aged 2-5 should be limited to one (1) hour per day of screen time per day. Ideally this is co-viewing with a parent or sibling.

Children 5-7 should be limited to two (2) hours per day.

When it comes to this 'screen' time, there are some additional considerations.

These additional considerations can apply to both use of electronics and reading. They are part of what I refer to as Visual Hygiene.

The first (and most important) consideration involves working distance. In other words, HOW FAR away from your face should the phone, tablet or book be? The physical distance is the distance from your middle knuckle to your elbow. Without measuring you could simply touch your middle knuckle to the tip of your nose and extend your forearm in front of you. The book should not be closer to you than the end of your elbow. You could

also have someone assess your posture. As you hold your phone, or book, the person assessing you should look at you from the side. They should be able to see a 90 degree bend in your elbow. Anything less than 90 degrees means you are holding the object too close to your face. Anything greater than 90 degrees is okay.

The second is what I like to refer to as the 20/20/20 Rule. After 20 minutes, you should get up from your seated position and walk over to a window. The movement alone is wonderful for increasing circulation throughout the body. Once you are looking out the window, look at something at least 20 feet away. Stay looking at whatever object (a tree, building, sign, etc) for at least 20 seconds. Please note that the distant object you look at may be blurry at first. You want to stand there as long as needed for it to become clear once again.

To understand this more, please think about the example of weeding your garden. After you have been bent over, pulling weeds, for a few minutes. It actually feels uncomfortable in your lower back to try and stand back up in your normal posture.

Thus, the main reason you try to do this 20/20/20 rule is to help 'reset' the visual system, to bring it back into its ideal function of seeing distance things clearly.



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ly on their different missions. Besides the owner, she will be the "Lead Designer" at both, calling on years of experience in the kitchen and bath field, as well as earlier experience in general interior design. Bennett has a degree in Interior Architecture and Design.

For the next several months, retiring HTI owners Hylton and Grill will assist in the transition as they complete projects that are underway. And Bennett says they'll be around to offer guidance and assistance as needed until later in the year.

Bennett said her interest in acquiring Harbor Town has been growing over several months, because the two firms' missions fit

together so well. "We are a Design Studio in both stores," she explained. "Final Design is not a cabinet shop. We design entire kitchen and bath concepts. Harbor Town Interiors is not just a furniture store. Now, we can design whole-home remodels if that's what the customer wants. We cater to people who want things done right, and usually don't want to do it themselves. They want us to handle it, and that's what we do!"

Bennett believes the transition will be smooth for existing Harbor Town Interiors clients. "Our taste in decorating matches up. Of course there'll be subtle differences, but I'm confident past customers will be pleased when they return." She will be adding draperies and blinds to the Harbor Town product line. She said HTI has a unique position in the marketplace and is not directly competitive with leading local furniture stores, often



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Mary Kay Hylton, as she contemplates being "more retired", is overjoyed that she will pass the torch, rather than lock the door at Harbor Town Interiors. "This is great", she told us. "It took awhile but we found the perfect buyer."

Hylton, Grill and their former partner Kerry Cressler opened HTI thirteen years ago, after working together down the street at Great Lakes Interiors, a large furniture store that briefly operated in what's known as the Trost Brothers building.

Bennett and her husband have been Southwest Michigan residents since 2008. She opened Final Design Kitchen & Bath in 2018 after doing free-lance design work in the area for several years.

### Piggin' & Grinnin' Re-opens, Sees Bright Future

#### After Medical 'Time Out'

Michael Piakowski is standing over the smoker at Piggin' & Grinnin' on Cleveland Avenue in St. Joseph with a big smile on his face. He's back at work about four months after undergoing open heart surgery that forced a shutdown at Piggin' & Grinnin' in February. Piakowski says he feels immensely better and looks forward to a long run at the popular drive-thru take-out restaurant across from Martin's Supermarket.

Piakowski says P & G began 18 years ago in the Benton Harbor Arts District. His wife, Virginia, has been a part of the business from the beginning, purchasing it about four years ago. Forced to shut down by the pandemic, the couple decided to scale back to the drive-thru-only St. Joseph location, only to be again forced to close by his heart ailment

last winter. The Piakowski's thought they might be sidelined for a year or more. However, Michael's recovery has been both faster and an inspiration to them. So they look at the opportunity to reopen now as a true blessing. Based on social media reaction to their unexpected Memorial Day weekend reopening, their longtime customers agree.

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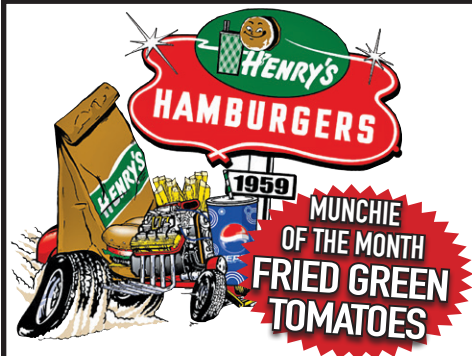
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Avalanche with Black Two-Tone Accent, 2.7 V6 EcoBoost Engine, 20 Inch Wheels with All Terrain Tires, Interior Work Surface, Locking Rear Axle, and Much More! Sharp Truck! Must See! F23076

MSRP.....\$60,215

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 2,220

LOW APR RETAIL CONSUMER CASH\*.....- 1,000

FORD TO FORD TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH\*\* - 2,500

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**2023 FORD F-250 XL**

Oxford White, Cloth Seats, 7.3 V8 Engine, Snow Plow Prep Package, Black Aluminum Wheels, LED Box Lighting, Reverse Sensing System, 360 Degree Camera Package, Running Boards, Locking Rear Axle, and Much More! F23109

MSRP.....\$56,475

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 480

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**2022 FORD F-250 SUPERCAB SERVICE BODY**

Oxford White, Locking Rear Axle, Power Windows and Locks, Trailer Brake Controller, Rear Camera, Knapheide Service Body, and Much More! F22229

MSRP.....\$46,420

ADD FOR SERVICE BODY.....+12,295

SUBTOTAL.....\$58,715

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 1,720

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$56,995**

MILITARY APPRECIATION EXCLUSIVE CASH REWARD\* - 1,000

**AS LOW AS \$55,595**

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**2023 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4**

Iconic Silver Metallic, 3.5 PowerBoost Full Hybrid Engine, Locking Rear Axle, Navigation, Twin Panel Moonroof, Interior Work Surface, Pro Power Onboard 7.2KW, Trailer Tow Package, Tailgate Step, LED Box Lighting, XLT Sport Appearance Package, and Much More! F23020

MSRP.....\$67,005

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 3,010

LOW APR RETAIL CONSUMER CASH\*.....- 1,000

FORD TO FORD TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH\*\* - 2,500

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$60,495**

MILITARY APPRECIATION EXCLUSIVE CASH REWARD\* - 1,000

**AS LOW AS \$59,495**

**PLUS 0.0% FOR 36 MONTHS, 2.9% FOR 48 MONTHS, or 3.9% FOR 60 MONTHS** (WITH APPROVED CREDIT)

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**2023 FORD TRANSIT SERVICE BODY**

Oxford White, 3.5 EcoBoost V6 Engine, Limited Slip Rear Axle, Long Arm Power Heated Mirrors, SYNC 4, Rear View Camera, Trailer Brake Controller, Front Overhead Shelf, Knapheide KUV Body, and Much More! F23119

MSRP.....\$45,805

ADD FOR KNAPHEIDE KUV BODY.....+28,008

SUBTOTAL.....\$73,813

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 818

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$72,995**

MILITARY APPRECIATION EXCLUSIVE CASH REWARD\* - 1,000

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 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 190  
 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH - 1,500  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$32,695**  
 RETURNING LESSEE BONUS CASH\* - 500  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$31,695**

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Diamond Black Crystal, Leather Seats, 18 Inch Black Spoke Wheels, Remote Start, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Power Liftgate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Parallel and Perpendicular Park Assist, Navigation, and Much More! C23048

MSRP.....\$41,230  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 235  
 RETAIL BONUS CASH.....- 1,000  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$39,995**  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$39,495**

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### 2023 JEEP WRANGLER 4 DOOR SPORT 4X4

Hydro Blue Pearl, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Automatic Transmission, Remote Keyless Entry, Back-Up Camera, Touchscreen Radio, Power Windows, and Much More! C23144

MSRP.....\$45,175  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 180  
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**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$43,495**  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$42,995**

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### 2023 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4

Bright White, Vinyl Seats, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, 3.6 V6 Engine, Trailer Hitch, Back-Up Camera, Touchscreen Radio, and Much More! C23110

MSRP.....\$46,390  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 395  
 BONUS CASH.....- 2,000  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$43,995**  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$43,495**

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### 2023 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L ALL WHEEL DRIVE

Granite Crystal, "S" Appearance Package, Uconnect Theatre Family Group, 360 Surround View Camera, ParkSense Front and Rear Park Assist, 20 Inch Aluminum Wheels, Hands Free Sliding Doors, Power Passenger Seat, Stow 'N Vac Integrated Vacuum, Navigation, 13 Alpine Speakers, FamCam Interior Camera, Seatback Video Screens, Blu-Ray DVD Player, Parallel and Perpendicular Park Assist, and Much More! C23057

MSRP.....\$52,055  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 260  
 RETAIL BONUS CASH.....- 1,000  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$50,795**  
 GREAT LAKES BC RETURNING LESSEE BONUS CASH\* - 1,000  
 GREAT LAKES STELLANTIS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH\* - 2,500  
 STELLANTIS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH\* - 1,000  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

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### 2023 CHRYSLER 300 TOURING L ALL WHEEL DRIVE

Gloss Black, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Full Speed Collision Warning, Surround Sound, Navigation, Alpine Speakers, Dual Pane Panoramic Roof, Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, and Much More! C23121

MSRP.....\$49,015  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 520  
 BONUS CASH.....- 2,500  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$46,495**  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$45,995**

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### 2022 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4XE

Midnight Sky, Leather Seats, 20 Inch Aluminum Wheels, Dual Pane Panoramic Sunroof, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated First and Second Row Seats, Navigation, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Power Liftgate, Remote Start, Adaptive Cruise Control, and Much More! C22262

MSRP.....\$64,150  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 655  
 GREAT LAKES BC FEDERAL STATE BONUS CASH\*\* - 1,000  
 BONUS CASH.....- 2,000  
**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$60,495**  
 RETURNING LESSEE BONUS CASH\* - 2,000  
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

**AS LOW AS \$57,995**

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### 2022 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4 LARAMIE

Diamond Black Crystal, Leather Seats, 6.4 V8 Engine, 20 Inch Polished Aluminum Wheels, LED Box Lighting, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Navigation, Heated Seats, 17 Speaker Harman Kardon Premium Sound, Sport Appearance Package, and Much More! C22215

MSRP.....\$72,340  
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 3,345  
 GREAT LAKES BC BONUS CASH.....- 1,000  
 BONUS CASH.....- 1,000  
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**WAS \$20,943**

**2020 KIA SPORTAGE LX AWD**

**NOW \$19,836**

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 77K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Rear Cross-Traffic Monitor, Blind Spot Collision Warning, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Black Cherry Pearl, U23005A



**WAS \$38,922**

**2019 FORD F-150 PLATINUM SUPERCREW 4X4**

**NOW \$37,849**

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 97K Miles, Bedliner, Power Deploy Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F22263B



**WAS \$62,875**

**2016 RAM 3500 LARAMIE LONGHORN CREW CAB 4X4**

**NOW \$60,980**

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



**WAS \$36,899**

**2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4**

**NOW \$34,796**

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Climate Control, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black Crystal, C23045A



**2018 JEEP WRANGLER JK UNLIMITED RIGHTHAND DRIVE**

**NOW \$34,792**

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 57K Miles, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Sport Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Black, U23063



**2022 KIA SORENTO X-LINE S AWD**

**NOW \$38,995**

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**2020 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 Z71 CUSTOM TRAIL BOX CREW CAB 4X4**

**NOW \$43,916**

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Locking/Limited Slip Differential, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red Hot, U23056



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3.0 Ecoboost V6 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Driver Monitoring, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Race Red, U23054



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**2021 FORD RANGER XLT 4X4**

**NOW \$37,500**

2.3 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, 5 Foot, Box, Sport Appearance Package, Lane Keeping System, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Race Red, U23054



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**2022 FORD COUPE P**

**NOW \$**

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Balance of Factory Warranty, Ford Certified! Race Red, U23054




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WAS \$34,797

2017 FORD E-350 SUPER DUTY CUTAWAY BOX TRUCK  
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WAS \$43,995

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2021 DODGE CHALLENGER R/T SCAT PACK  
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6.8 V10 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 100K Miles, Cruise Control, Power Windows and Locks, Black Vinyl Floor Covering, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, U22185

2.3 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Rocky Ridge Conversion Package, Security Cover, Bedliner, Step Bars, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Slide Rear Window, Climate Control, Blind Spot with Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping System, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Hot Pepper Red Metallic, C22087C

6.4 V8 SRT HEMI Engine, 6 Speed Manual Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Only 2K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Alpine Audio Group, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Granite Pearlcoat, C23022A

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2022 RAM 3500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4  
NOW \$79,995

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NOW \$36,995

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6.7 Cummins Turbo DIESEL Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 11K Miles! Bedliner, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Sliding Rear Window, ParkSense Front/Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, 5th Wheel/Gooseneck Towing Prep Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Granite Crystal Metallic, C23077A

1.5 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 13K Miles! Power Driver's Seat, Climate Control, 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! Magnetic Metallic, C23076A

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 12K Miles! Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moonroof, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Tire Pressure Monitor, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White, C23143A

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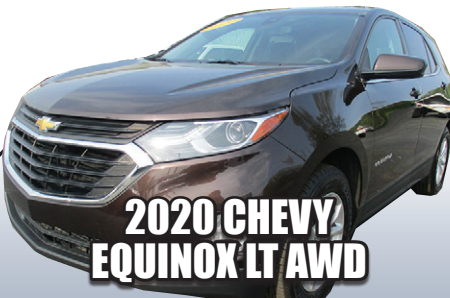
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John 14:5,6

The island of Maui in Hawaii is home to some breathtaking sites. Towering waterfalls, peaceful pools, vibrant forest, colorful gardens, and so much more fill the east side of the island. However, there is only one way to get there; you must travel on the "Road to Hana," which is a narrow, often dangerous road that sometimes touches the edge of a cliff that drops hundreds of feet to the ocean below. Many have travelled the Road to Hana safely to enjoy the beautiful sites. But because the road can be very unsettling, many tourists avoid it and never end up seeing the beautiful sites it leads to.

You may never travel to Maui, and you may have no desire to see what's there, and that's ok. But everyone will want to be in heaven as it is the only

place where we will be fully free from sin and where every tear will be wiped away. And there is only one way to that location as well.

"I am the way," Jesus said. Notice he didn't say that he is "a" way into heaven. He is "the" way. And that's good news for us; for it means that your way into heaven does not depend on your effort, obedience, works, or even on your ability to successfully avoid falling into temptation. It depends entirely on the already-completed and perfect work of the One who died to forgive us and rose again.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for gifting me with a future of perfection in heaven that I could never have provided for myself. Amen.*

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# Gotcha Doin' Good

## KC Johnson

KC is a champion and advocate of mental health in the Niles area and beyond. Last week she was helping out at the Youth Mental Health First Aid training with Corewell Health. She founded WeECHO in 2020 with the intention of impacting the health and wellness of youth in Berrien County. She believes in collaboration with community organizations to provide the best resources to support youth in every way possible so they have a hope-filled future!

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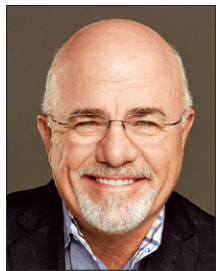
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Dear Dave,

When my wife and I got married, she had about \$70,000 in savings and I had a lot of debt. We bought some property from her parents to build a home on, and she made a 20% down payment on the land from her savings. We've paid off some debt, and she has more in savings now. But I feel guilty, and it seems unfair to ask her to pay on our debt with her savings since most of it is debt I brought into the marriage. How do you feel about this?

Sonny

Dear Sonny,

This question tells me you're a good guy with a good heart. But let me ask you a thing or two. When your wife gets sick, is it unfair for you to take care of her? You didn't cause it. It's not your fault. Of course, it's not unfair. I'm not mad at you, buddy. I'm just throwing your own logic right back at you.

Maybe these next lines will sound familiar: for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health. The old "Book of Common Prayer" continues the vows and says, "Unto thee, all my worldly goods I pledge." This is called

oneness. It's called unity. And it's what a good marriage should be about.

Do you get what I'm saying, Sonny? The two of you are in this together. This is not a business partnership or joint venture. It's a man and a woman pledging themselves, and all they have and are, to each other. I understand your feelings, but if you're not careful, that kind of guilt will stand in the way of you two creating a successful marriage—both financially and emotionally.

When you got married, the "me" and "mine" became "we" and "ours." You got all her stuff, the good and bad, and she got all of yours. Now it's time for you to work as a team to make the bad stuff go away and the good things even better. What's fair (and what's right) is to combine all of your income, all of your assets and all of your liabilities.

I know it's uncomfortable, but you've got to choose courage. Ask her to go all in on this with you and attack your debt together. Work toward making your dreams come true together as one.

That's what's fair, and that's what's best when you're married.

— Dave

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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 take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.*

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**Snot What I Meant to Write**

Last week, I touched on the topic of catarrh, aka mucus, phlegm, or snot. This reminded me that I once wrote an entire column that was supposed to be about this, uhh, fascinating substance. I've decided this column once again deserves the light of day! Here goes:

It's remarkable how a couple tiny, obscure newspaper items have prevented you from reading a column about snot, mucus and phlegm.

See, my mom had some surgery last week, and my two sisters and I got back "home" in order to visit her and dad and perform important duties like (1) standing around her hospital bed tattling on each other for unexplained household "accidents" that occurred in the 1960s; and (2) assuring that dad ate right by making him buy us dinner at nice restaurants every night.

It was during one of those dinners that I raised my arm to my mouth to lightly cough into the crook of my elbow. This is something my sisters do also, as long as it's not a so-called "productive" cough, where something icky might issue forth.

This led to a thorough discussion of the pros and cons of capturing coughs with one's elbow, which segued into the appropriateness of stifling sneezes with one's elbow, and before you know it, my sisters, who both have college degrees, began insisting that I write a column about which word was funnier: "snot," "mucus," or "phlegm."

So aren't you thankful that, instead, I became fixated earlier in the week on news tidbits describing how friendly the state of Idaho is to wildlife? Those tidbits revealed: (1) Idaho citizens just elected Butch Otter their governor, making him the highest-ranking aquatic quadruped in the nation; (2) Idaho's moose count has reached an estimated 15,000 to 20,000, up from less than 1,000 just 50 years ago.

This second factoid in particular cried out for one of my patented in-depth investigations, to explore why a moose has never been elected governor of Idaho; is it because they're always depicted in popular culture as slightly dopey, a la Bullwinkle J. Moose, or Melvin, the talking moose-head mounted on the wall at Disney World's Country Bear Jamboree?

So, I told my sisters that no matter how hard they might try to immerse me in snot, mucus and phlegm, it wouldn't overcome my fixation to write about moose.

To which my big sister replied, "Moose? You mean your dog?" To which my little sister and my dad replied, "Dog? What dog?"

Well, somehow my big sister still remembered that, while I was in college, I co-owned, for a few fleeting weeks, a little puppy dog named "Moose."

I had a big heart for that little dog, but not big enough to overlook his tendency to, umm, expel certain bodily fluids inside my room, fluids that one would NOT, under ANY circumstance, want to capture in one's elbow.

But darn it, this column isn't about that Moose, any more than it's about the outputs of infected sinuses. Although that's about all this piece amounts to, since I've already reached my word limit.

Sorry, faithful readers. I promise to write a funny column about moose someday, when I'm not so distracted by members of my very own phlegm-ly.

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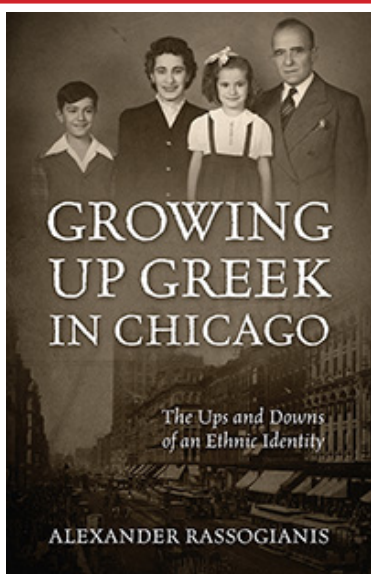
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