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Capozio's Joins the 'Menu of Memories'

An iconic name in the realm of Southwest Michigan Pizza and Italian cuisine is poised to pass into the history books-unless business conditions change in the next few months.

Last Sunday night was the last service for Capozio's in Harbert. A long-time, family-owned establishment that was once in several locations in the area made the announcement via social media and its website.

"Like many businesses in the area, we have struggled with a weak labor market, finding it challenging to secure adequate help. Simultaneously, we are currently dealing with ongoing health issues and cannot physically continue without assistance. Decisions like this are not made lightly. Our strongest feelings revolve around letting down our loyal customers."

Capozio's was known for their pizza, Italian fare, sub sandwiches and delicious home recipes. The posting called the closure a difficult decision, but they hope it will only be temporary.



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We Need YOU! Childcare Survey

Much like the Uncle Sam "We Want You" posters, we very much NEED you to take a few minutes of your time and share vital and useful information regarding current childcare issues you, your employees, coworkers, family members, etc. are facing. As one of many initiatives we are working with key community partners on, Tri-County Head Start is working on collecting any and all data on the current childcare

crisis to best understand how we, as a community, can move forward.

Earlier this week, we issued a press release to local media outlets asking residents and business owners to complete their respective survey - below you'll find that full release.

Across Southwest Michigan, there is a continued growing need for safe and affordable

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childcare options that families can access. In an effort to understand what the current need is, Tri-County Head Start, with support from enFocus and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, has put together a survey for residents and businesses to participate. All data collected will guide overall efforts on creating and implementing effective solutions for the entire community.

"Before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the early childhood system showed signs of strain. However, in its wake, it has been pushed to the brink, leaving families with limited alternatives for childcare and employers without a workforce," remarked Chanda Hillman, the Executive Director of Tri-County Head Start. "We firmly believe in the strength of our community and recognize that both our community members and employers require viable solutions to solve this childcare crisis."

"Too often in Michigan, working parents are forced to sacrifice rewarding work because their childcare needs are not adequately met," said Arthur Havlicek, President & CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber. "To put this plight in perspective, childcare issues result in an estimated annual \$2.88 billion loss for Michigan's economy, as well as \$576 million in tax base lost annually."

"Lack of access to childcare is regularly brought up as a barrier to workforce participation and talent attraction throughout Southwest Michigan as well," Havlicek added. "In order to better understand the impact on our region, we are imploring parents and employers alike to complete this brief survey. Your responses will empower us with the data necessary to make informed decisions and ultimately move the needle on this important issue."

During a Cass County study in early 2022, estimated shortages in available slots for chil-

dren under the age of 5 neared 1,500. That same study indicated nearly 60% of respondents had declined employment or withdrew from the workforce due to childcare issues. 18% of employers citing lack of childcare options being the reason they are unable to attract and retain talent. Base estimates for Berrien and Van Buren counties, respectively, put those numbers even higher.

Hillman adds, "The longer we wait to gather the data and understand the true need, the worse the crisis becomes locally, and the strain on our families and employers increases, which is unacceptable."

Community members can find the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ FamilySurvey-ECE2023.

Émployers can find the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ BCVBemployersurveys. Both surveys will close on October 6, 2023.

Links to both surveys will be available on the Chamber's Facebook page (facebook.com/smrchamber) if you'd like to

access them that way. If you happen to be unfamiliar with Tri-County Head Start (TCHS), they have served more than 40,000 children and families in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties since 1972. Serving both the children and their families by providing a preschool program for children to begin Kindergarten schoolready, connecting families with needed resources, educational, and leadership opportunities. Head Start provides hope and helps dreams come true. For more information, please visit www.tricountyhs.org.

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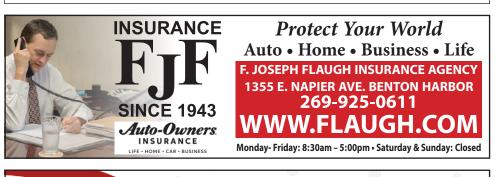
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BOSS Services' 9/II Hero Climb Raises \$9,000 for Local Fire Departments





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Thanks to the support of our community and sponsors, we raised \$9,000 to donate to local fire departments for life-saving gear. \$3,000 was donated to each of the following departments: Benton Charter Township Fire Dept., St. Joseph Charter Township Fire Dept, and the City of St. Joseph Fire Dept.

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Yet Another NOT a **Baseball Column**

As I write this, my beloved Chicago Cubs are playing like they're NOT trying to get to the World Series. Their level of sub-optimal play is threatening to keep them from even squeaking into the playoffs. It's a good thing I'm not superstitious or I might begin to think that I jinxed them by not writing enough about them this year.

Thus, to begin building good juju for next year's team, I declare this IS a Chicago Cubs column. NOT because I'm superstitious. But I can tell ya about some baseball people who are.

A player named Elliot Johnson always chewed a hunk of grape bubble gum when he was playing defense. When his team was batting, he ditched the grape and replaced it with watermelon-flavored gum. Because, Johnson said, "The hits are in the watermelon gum."

Of course they are.

Cubs manager David Ross, who once played for my beloved Cubs, wore mismatched socks. But they each were "assigned" to a specific foot. He always made sure they were properly aligned because "If we lose a game, I don't want it to be my fault for wearing the wrong socks."

Outfielder Sam Fuld earned a five star rating for his superstition: He told ESPN that "Five is my favorite number. I can't set my

alarm clock unless it's on a five or a multiple of five. I can't put a microwave on any time or heat unless it is five or a multiple of it. I'm a five auv."

I bet Sam Fuld gives great high fives. When Ryan Zimmerman had a remarkable hitting streak, lasting 30 games, a teammate of his said that in the middle of the streak, "I went up to him in the shower and said, Dude, scoot over, I need some of that water, man'. There are a lot of hits in that shower"

Thus demonstrating that ballplayers will go wherever the hits are located

Glenn Davis would chew the same gum every day during hitting streaks. Not the same brand of gum... the same PIECE of gum! He would save it under his cap after each game.

An infielder from the 1960s, Julio Gotay, is said to have always played with a cheese sandwich in his back pocket. I have no further data on this, but that's one heck of a supers ti-I mean, "routine."

A minor league outfielder named Ron Wright was known for shaving his arms once a week. He was the smoothest hitter in his league, just not the kind of smooth he was striving for.

A guy named Jim Davenport once hit two home runs in a game. Afterwards, he discovered that he had missed a buttonhole while dressing for the game. For the remainder of his career, he left the same button undone.

Even all-time immortals are prone to strange "routines." The great Honus Wagner, who was elected to the Hall of Fame, believed any given baseball bat "contained" only 100 hits. Regardless of the quality of the bat, he would get rid of it after getting a 100th hit with it.

I understand he would trade them to guys desperate for hits. In exchange for cheese sandwiches.

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You know what these Niles High School students do after each football game? They clean up the stands! They were recently spotted at an away game picking up trash and other items left behind by fans.

Way to be a class act and thanks for being AWESOME!



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"We encourage our customers to engage with local leaders and politicians to advocate for legislation and policies that bolster a strong labor market and promote a healthy population. We don't want to bid farewell forever and hope the labor market becomes stronger so that we can reopen next year!"

The Capozio family name has been synonymous with distinctive and delicious food for decades. Twin Cities families in the 60s, 70s, and 80s grew up deciding whether to go to Capozio's in Benton Harbor at Fairplain Plaza on M-139 or to Capozio's on Niles Avenue in St. Joseph. The menus were mostly identical. After both stores closed, it was necessary to make the trip to Harbert for Capozio taste treats, but diners generally agreed the recipes were 'true' to the family tradition.



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Some 'Capozio's aficionados' say they've found a virtually identical pizza or sub sandwich in recent years at 'Joey C's', a carry-out only establishment on M-139, Benton Harbor. However, an 'official Capozio's label' has never been hung over the door.

So, for now, Capozio's is gone, joining Roxy's, Santaniello's, HI's, Win Schuler's, Bill Knapp's and other iconic Southwest Michigan restaurants of the past in a 'Menu of Memories'

Lighthouse Laundromat **Opens in Former Laundry** Village Location

After three months of updates and new equipment installation, the new Lighthouse Laundromat in St. Joseph is open. New owners John and Lauren Knight are looking forward to showing customers all the improvements they've made to help make Laundry Day easier at the former Laundry Village, 700 Midway, St. Joseph.

The first thing you'll notice when you walk into Lighthouse Laundromat is that everything is new, bright, shiny and clean. Freshly refinished floors, repainted walls, excellent lighting and brand new washers and drvers.

28 Fagor large capacity washers, designed in Spain.

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Expanded seating areas and ample folding tables.

John Knight told us the goal is for an average customer to be in and out in an hour or less. He said that will be accomplished utilizing four different sizes of washers: 25 lb, 40 lb, 60 lb, 80 lb.

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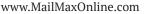
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For comparison, Knight explained an average home washer holds about ten lbs of laundry. With his new 80 lb washers, a family's entire week's laundry can be handled in short order! There will also be an attendant on duty during all hours of operation to solve problems and facilitate smooth operation.

Lighthouse Laundromat will be open 6am--8 pm every day.

Knight said the era of the 'Coin Laundry' is over. Two customer service machines similar to an ATM will handle credit card or cash transactions, dispensing a Laundry Card (similar to a Gift Card) you'll use to pay at each washer and dryer. A vending machine for soap products is also planned.

Knight plans an introductory "Double Your Money" promotion: For example, Customers will be able to purchase a \$100 Laundry Card for \$ 50 for a limited time. Knight said he hopes to encourage former Laundry Village customers to 'come home' to Lighthouse Laundromat, rather than traveling to laundromats in Benton Township or Stevensville, as they have in recent months.

In addition to the self service laundromat, Lighthouse will offer 'Drop Off' service, with laundry handled by a Lighthouse staff member. Knight said that service is particularly attractive to restaurants, beauty salons, and similar businesses. Pricing is based on how quickly you need the items laundered and ready for pickup.

The Knights purchased the old Laundry Village in February from Dan and Pat McCrery, who had owned it for many years. They operated it for several months before deciding that a major update was needed. Knight may expand to other laundry locations or look for other businesses that might benefit from new energy and a 'refresh.' He said the couple plans to become fulltime St. Joseph residents, having grown to love the community in many visits here in recent years. They are originally from Illinois and currently reside in Northern Indiana.

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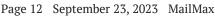
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Dave Ramsey Financial

Dave Savs Take the Bigger Check

Dear Dave,

My car was declared totaled because of hail damage, and my insurance company says I have two options. One is to take a higher total loss settlement check of \$19,000 and use it toward the purchase of another car. The insurance company would then take possession of the car. The other option is to accept a check for \$13.000 and have the car on a salvage title. The car is worth \$15,000, and I have 20% car replacement assistance on my policy that increases the total loss settlement to the \$19,000 amount I mentioned earlier. I'm on Baby Step 3 of your plan, and I owe nothing on the car. What should I do?

– Meagan

Dear Meagan,

Take the bigger check! That's a quick and easy decision, but give me a minute to explain why. It's not about being greedy—it's a little more complicated than that.

If you had \$19,000 in your pocket, would you go buy a \$6,000 hail-damaged,

salvage-title vehicle for everyday driving? Of course, you wouldn't do that! The insurance company is probably hoping you'll overlook the \$19,000 offer and essentially pay \$6,000 for this beat-up car. No. Thank. You. I'll pass on that deal.

With \$19,000, you'll have plenty of cash to rent a car for a couple of weeks and take time to find a great-quality used car at a good price. You might even be able to negotiate with the insurance company to give you a little time to look for another ride before they come pick up the old one.

But no, you don't want that messed up, old car. Why would you? That thing probably looks like a kid with a bad case of acne right now. Go find yourself a nice car, hon. There are plenty of affordable, slightly used vehicles on the market right now. There's no reason for you to drive around in something that's all beat up if vou don't have to.

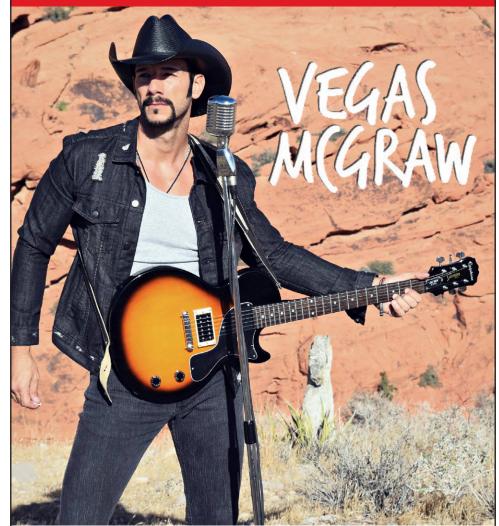
Best of luck, Meagan! – Dave

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





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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ~ Romans 8:32

Separation from others can be a terrible thing. Studies have discovered that a profound sense of separation from others can bring on maladies such as panic attacks, difficulties with thinking, concentration, memory, and paranoia-problems with impulse control and harmful thoughts that don't go away.

It is no surprise, then, that Satan does all **Rosenbaum** he can to nurture a sense of separation in our lives as Christians-separation from others and especially separation from Jesus. After all, if he can convince me that something has come to isolate me from my Savior, then the devil has all the time in the world to work on me at his leisure.

> With that in mind, the Holy Spirit moved the apostle Paul to pose the question: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Then Paul gave some graphic examples of what can bring a sense of separation. He included trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword. Carefully

consider that list again, and please understand that, for Paul, these examples were not theoretical. He and his fellow Christians understood them to be real possibilities, descriptions of events that could really happen

In this present world of suffering and loss, you and I may face the unspeakable: Suffocating hardships, severe persecution, crippling financial disaster, life-shattering illnesses, or accidents. Any one of these Satan can use to make the case that Jesus Christ is not here.

Again, Paul's question: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Very quickly, Paul supplies the answer: No. No, in all these

September 23, 2023 MailMax Page 15 things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. The blood that has washed us clean is the same blood that seals his promise never to leave us, never to forsake us, to be with us always, to the very end of the

And so, who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing. And no one.

Prayer: Lord, as troubles come and go in my life, remind me that you never leave my side. Amen.

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