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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody** 

## "The Squeeze" is Almost On in Stevensville

Nothing good happens fast... It's a familiar theme and it's playing out once again for the hard-working, dedicated trio that is opening a new bar and grille in downtown Stevensville.

"The Squeeze" is almost ready to throw open the doors to customers that have already been talking about the place on social media for several weeks. The new owners, Sami Schlutt and Kristin Pfledderer, along with their Head Chef/Food Guru John Howe have been working for several months to transform the old 'Woodies Bar' into a casual dining, family friendly bar and grille. Virtually all the work has been done by the team and their families, except electrical or plumbing changes that required a professional. "And it takes time," they observed with a smile in a sit-down with MoodyOnTheMarket.com.

Originally, they'd hoped to be open a month ago or earlier. With all but final decorating and touch-ups now complete, The Squeeze was to get final inspections from Health and Building officials late last week. Hiring of a staff is underway and training will begin very soon, according to Sami and Kristin. That will take about a week, so their conservative projection is now that The Squeeze will be open by mid-November.

That prediction comes with one caveat—a familiar one to anyone who's tried to open a Michigan business that serves alcohol. There is NO firm date for approval of the beer and liquor license by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). Although the license is simply being transferred in place from the old Woodies to the new Squeeze, the MLCC found a technicality involving a former owner which has extended the process of transfer.

The result? When The Squeeze opens, it will likely be without beer and liquor for a short period of time. Sami and Kristin have decided that their eager customers will understand, as the problem is totally out of their control—and an 'all too familiar' one for Michigan bars and restaurants.

So...when The Squeeze opens, what will it be like?



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## Pour Me!

Jenna **Podjan** Bud Distributing

## **Murder Your Thirst!**

Hello MailMaxers! I hope everyone had a fabulous snowy Halloween and got all the candy one could hope for. I don't think I remember a Halloween when it was dry and warm, but that is the beauty of living in southwest Michigan...it could be all four seasons in one week or even one day! Even though we are now into November, in keeping with the Halloween theme I thought I would Introduce you to Liquid Death!

Liquid Death: Liquid gold

I know I usually write about upcoming fun seasonals or new products that usually are 21+, however I want to introduce to you to **Liquid Death**. I am sure many of you

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have already tried it or have seen the brand. What is Liquid Death? Liquid Death is just water in a can. I remember the first time I tried it and thought this is sorta weird drinking water from a can, but I quickly became obsessed and can't get enough of all the different varieties depending on my mood. It also seems to stay cold longer, in my opinion.

"We're just a funny beverage company who hates corporate marketing as much as you do. Our evil mission is to make people laugh and get more of them to drink more healthy beverages more often, all while helping to kill plastic pollution." (www.liquiddeath.com)

Liquid Death comes in many different varieties and sizes with genius and funny names to boot. I am more of a still water fan, so my favorite is the OG which is the Mountain Water. Many people enjoy sparkling waters for a little more pizazz. Flavors include Sparkling Water, Severed Lime, Mango Chainsaw, Berry it Alive, Convicted Melon,

Rest in Peach, and now are offering a tea called Grim Leafer.

The concept of Liquid Death when being developed was all about "murdering plastic." Essentially in cleaning up the plastic pollution that we all know is a huge problem. A part of proceeds from sales of Liquid Death is donated to organizations that do plastic clean up and prevention of pollution. As mentioned, you can find Liquid Death in many different sizes. Single servers are 16.9 oz or 19.3 oz, which you can find at your favorite gas station or convenience store. Or, if you are looking to stock up, look no further than your favorite grocery store where you can purchase it by the 8 pk or 12 pk. If you have attended any concerts recently, you may have noticed that Liquid Death is the favorite of many venues for the water choice.

I urge you to give Liquid Death a shot, it is refreshing delicious liquid gold, and you won't be disappointed! For more information, visit www.liquiddeath.com

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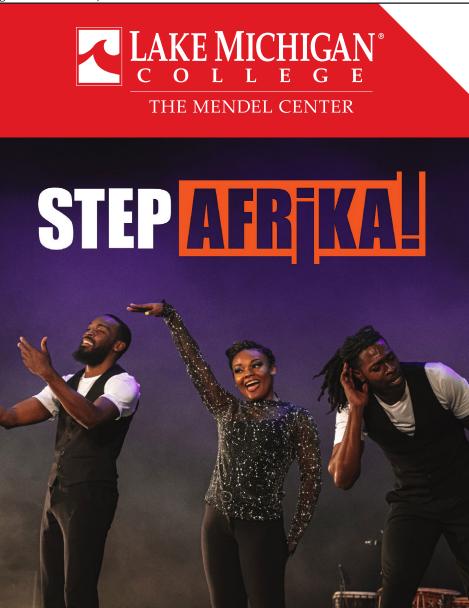
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This event is part of The Mendel Center's Discovery Series and is funded in part by the Gast Young People's Performance Endowment.



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## Dave **Ramsey**

Financial Expert The Ramsey Show

## Dave Says Eventually, You Become Self-Insured

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both 36 years old, and we have two children. Our son is six, and our daughter will be four next month. We've been walking through the Baby Steps, and we should have our home paid off sometime next summer. We realized the other day the one thing missing from our financial picture is life insurance. We both work outside the home. She makes \$60,000 a year, while I make \$80,000 a year. At our age, and in our current situation, do you think we should we get 20-year or 30-year level term life insurance policies?

Clay Dear Clay,

You guys are doing a great job of getting control of your finances and planning for the future. Speaking of the future, do you plan on having more kids? If you do, you might want to go with 30-year policies. If you've decided two are enough, then based on your present situation I think 20-year policies would work out fine.

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I recommend folks have 10 to 12 times their annual income in life insurance coverage. That means you'd need between \$800,000 and \$960,000 in coverage, while your wife needs a policy in the \$600,000 to \$720,000 range. But let's take a deeper dive into all this.

Your kids will be in their mid-twenties in 20 years. Ideally, they both should have finished college by that time, or at the very least, be working and living on their own. If you continue to follow my plan, you and your wife will have paid off your home in a few months and be completely debt-free. And, you'll have been saving 15% of your income for retirement over those 20 years. On average, that alone should give you more than a half-million dollars for retirement.

Do you see where I'm going with this, Clay? Eventually, you two will become self-insured by getting out of debt, staying out of debt and piling up cash. So, if you've got \$500,000 or more in a retirement fund, no debt and your children are grown and out of the house, even if you or your wife were to die unexpectedly at that point, the other would still be taken care of and in great shape financially.

Keep up the good work! —Dave

\* 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.





# **IO Questions to Ask Before Replacing Your Furnace**

BOSS Services, November 2023 Edition

When you're considering replacing your furnace, it's essential to ask your HVAC company the right questions to ensure you make an informed decision. Here are some key questions to ask:

## 1. Is furnace replacement necessary?

A reputable HVAC technician should evaluate if repairs might be sufficient before recommending a replacement. They should give you a variety of options so you can decide what aligns best with your goals and budget.

## 2. What size and type of furnace do I need?

Your HVAC company should perform a load calculation to determine the appropriate furnace size for your home. They should also discuss different types of furnaces (e.g., gas, electric, oil) and their suitability for your specific needs.

## 3. What is the energy efficiency rating of the recommended furnace?

Inquire about the furnace's AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) rating. Higher AFUE ratings indicate greater energy efficiency and can lead to lower operating costs.

# 4. What is the total cost, including installation and any additional fees?

Ensure that you receive a 100% upfront quote that includes all costs, including labor, materials, permits, and any additional services required.

# 5. Are there any available rebates or incentives for energy-efficient furnaces?

Often utility companies offer incentives for upgrading to more energy-efficient heating systems. Your HVAC company should be able to help you take advantage of them.

## 6. What is the warranty coverage for the new furnace?

Understand the warranty terms for the furnace itself and the labor involved in the installation. This can vary between manufacturers and contractors.

## 7. What is the timeline for the installation?

Understand how long the installation process will take, as well as the company's availability for scheduling the work so you won't go without heat for too long.

# **8. What is your payment schedule and financing options?** Understand the payment structure, including deposits, interest, and any financing options available.

**9. What is the company's insurance and licensing status?** Confirm that the HVAC company is properly licensed and insured, protecting you from potential liability.

## **10. Can you provide references or customer reviews?** Request references from previous customers or inquire about online reviews to gauge the HVAC company's reputation and service quality.

When you're ready to explore options to replace your old

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Sarah Spoonholtz

Regional Director. SMR Chamber

## Three Cheers for Bridgman!

A few weeks ago, I had an impromptu opportunity to be part of the official presentation along with our affiliate the Greater Bridgman Council for Growth & Advancement (CGA) in partnership with the City of Bridgman to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Convention attendees in Traverse City. This presentation was one of four for the MML's Community Excellence Award regarding the Bridgman Courtyard Project.



It should be no surprise that the Bridgman Courtvard won - what makes the win that much sweeter is the fact that the award is voted on by fellow MML Convention attendees. They heard the respective presentations from the final four finalists and based on the information presented, cast their vote for the deserving municipality and in this instance community organization. What makes this even sweeter is the fact that Bridgman was the smallest community in the final four, but clearly the one with the biggest heart.

I hope you'll join me in sending a special "hip hip hurray!" to EVERYONE who made this project a reality, I hope to see you all there in December for Holiday Village (which I'll share more details with you in a few weeks!), or any other chance we have to soak in the beauty that Bridgman has to offer! Below you'll find the official press release that was sent out announcing the win:

The City of Bridgman proudly announces its win of the coveted Michigan Municipal League's Community Excellence Award for the collaborative Bridgman Courtvard Project. The prestigious accolade was presented at the recent MML Convention in Traverse City, attended by city managers, mayors, and city council members from across Michigan.

The first day of the convention saw all four finalist communities present their respective projects including Bridgman, Port Huron, Westland and **Coldwater**. Attendees had the unique opportunity to engage with each team at their booths and were invited to vote for their favorite project. Bridgman's presentation, themed "Bridging our Community

with the Bridgman Courtyard," stood out for its dynamic and interactive approach.

The presentation was led by Tara Heiser, CGA board member, who was joined on stage by key contributors including Juan Ganum, Bridgman City Manager; Julie Strating, CGA board member and CIA member; Georgia Gipson, CGA board member and Bridgman City Council member; Bob Clark, CGA board member: Barb Clark, Lake Township resident: Joan Hurray, Bridgman Planning Commissioner; and Sarah Spoonholtz, Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber director.

A poignant video produced by Bridgman resident and film producer, Bryan Fellows, added a heartfelt layer to the presentation, capturing the hearts of all attendees.

Bridgman's booth featured a 6-foot bridge that attendees were encouraged to graffiti, or "tag your town," creating what may very well be the first statewide piece of art. The bridge is now displayed in Bridgman City Hall along with the Community Excellence Award trophy.

"Winning the Community Excellence Award is a landmark achievement for Bridgman," said Juan Ganum, Bridgman City Manager. "It highlights our commitment to nurturing imaginative, sustainable solutions that make life better for our residents."

The MML presentation was a collaborative effort between the City of Bridgman and the Greater Bridgman Area Council for Growth & Advancement (CGA). Bridgman City Council Member and CGA President John Bonkoske stated, "Not only is this State award an extraordinary honor for us,

www.MailMaxOnline.com the distinction will bring growth and economic development to our city, further spotlighting the Greater Bridgman Area as an excellent place to live,

work and play." Julie Strating, CGA Vice President and project visionary, added, "This award is a big heartfelt shout-out to all of the folks who poured their hearts into making the Bridgman Courtyard happen. It's like a high five to community spirit and teamwork, demonstrating what's possible when we unite our efforts."

A video of the complete presentation can be viewed on the CGA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bridgmanarea. Please join Bridgman in celebrating this win for the community and shining a light on beautiful southwest Michigan!

To learn more about the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and to see upcoming events, such as Bridgman's Holiday Village, visit our website at smrchamber.com. Or reach out to me directly: sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com or 269-932-



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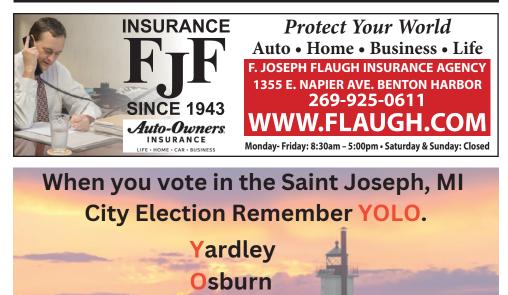


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### www.MailMaxOnline.com Sandbar & Grille to host Yack Family Fundraising Dinner Wendesday, November 8

For the Yack family of St. Joseph, the idiom "when it rains it pours" truly applies. For many years, Bob Yack has coached children in this area as both an assistant football coach for the JV team in St Joe and as a coach and coordinator for softball and baseball at Eaton Park. Bob's wife, Marcia ran concessions and helped to coordinate at Eaton Park and was a coordinator for the Jaier Soccer Club.

Earlier this year their youngest was diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery to remove it. One additional surgery is pending.

In May, Marcia was diagnosed with heart failure and her symptoms only got worse over the next month. In June after her next visit with a cardiologist, after the labs and the monitors and the testing, Marcia was diag-



Bob and Marcia Yack

nosed with AL Amyloidosis and referred to the Cleveland Clinic. Her first appointment was set for October. However, in August it became apparent that that would be too late, and the appointment was pushed to September. What was supposed to be a weeklong visit for her first treatment has turned into over a month-long stay. Marcia's heart failure has progressed quickly and after several events, Bob has had to take FMLA to focus on both his and Marcia's health. Because of the damage from the Amyloidosis, Marcia needs a new heart. After several treatments, her protein levels are considered low enough and her oxygen stats are high enough that she qualifies for the heart transplant list. But their road is far from over. Marcia can't come home until after the transplant, and Bob is still in Cleveland.

Sandbar & Grille is inviting you to come and help the Yacks at the Give-Back Dinner on Wednesday, November 8th. The Sandbar & Grille will be donating 50% of all sales that night to support this family with their incredible struggle. The Give-Back Night begins at 5pm and will continue the rest of the day.

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The Irish village of Killarney comes alive in the 1920s with world-class Irish dancing, classic Christmas songs, and a heartwarming story about love, family, and tradition during this spirited stage production. Marvel as Irish dancers leap through the air and tap their feet to the music of the season. Enjoy favorite holiday songs including "Joy to the World," "Hark the Herald Angels," "Oh, Holy Night," "Sleigh Ride," and many more.

Created by the 2009 World Champion of Irish Dance Scott Doherty and worldwide touring Irish musician Chris Smith, Christmas in Killarney combines the excitement of Irish dance with the harmonies of traditional Christmas classics. The creative team includes Broadway director Jeff Whiting, Emmy Award-winning set designer Jason Ardizzone-West, arranger Gary Lensenmayer, costume designer Sarah Cubbage, and New

York-based lighting designer Aaron Porter. A special holiday mix of Mendel Center Wassail, made with Lake Michigan Vintners

cider, will be served as part of the cash bar. Tickets for Christmas in Killarney: An Irish Christmas Celebration start at \$35. They may be purchased at www.TheMendelCenter. com/events and through the Mendel Center box office at 269-927-8700 option 1 or in person weekdays from noon - 2 p.m. and 4 -6 p.m. The box office is also open two hours

before show times in the Mainstage lobby. Patrons who purchase tickets at the same time to Christmas in Killarney and to the Dec. 1 performance of The Baltimore Consort presents Wassail, Wassail! Music for the Yuletide Season will receive 25 percent off regular prices when the code JINGLE25 is used at checkout. Not applicable on Club Mendel seating.

This event is part of The Mendel Center's Discovery Series and is funded in part by the Gast Young People's Performance Endowment. This activity is supported in part by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council.







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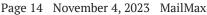
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#### **Moody** Continued from cover

"A fun family place...welcoming and comfortable for everyone..." is how Sami describes their vision. There's a clear demarcation, a wall in fact, between the bar area and the large dining room. They've cut some window spaces between the rooms to open up the atmosphere, however there is still a separation between bar and dining room that many families might welcome. There will also be a space set aside for several electronic games that might help kids pass some time while waiting for dinner, and while their parents enjoy a beverage.

The Squeeze will be 'casual dining', not a place for 'dinner entrees' but also not 'bar food', according to Sami, Kristin, and John. They agree that some social media speculators have gone overboard about their past connection to the now-closed North Shore Inn. While they will have a burger on the menu, that will not be their focus. "Sandwiches, salads, daily specials or feature nights and some seasonal things," are all in the plans, according to Sami and Kristin. Chef John told us he's got a bulging Recipe Book of things he's eager to try, including some Mexican items he never got a chance to make in recent years. So, look forward to that!

The Squeeze, at 5725 St. Joseph Avenue in downtown Stevensville, is bigger than it looks from the outside. It has a capacity of 99 persons, about 12-16 plus several high top tables in the bar area and the rest in the roomy dining room, with straight in access from the front door.

Once that MLCC license arrives, The Squeeze will feature ten beer brands on draft and a full bar.

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Moveportz has essentially created a new business category in Southwest Michigan with the creation of their "private car service." It is important to note that "private car service" is different than Uber, Lyft or a taxi. Unlike calling a taxi or a "ride share" service, Moveportz operates by prior appointment or reservation only.

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For trips within the state of Michigan, Moveportz also has two 14-passenger shuttle buses, that are perfect for weddings, bachelor/ bachelorette parties, concerts, sporting events and similar group trips.

Moveportz is jointly owned and operated by Lamantha R. Wyatt and Prince Covington, Sr. Wyatt is the Co-Owner, CEO and Administrator along with Covington who is the Co-Owner, Managing Partner and Logistic Manager of Moveportz. Wyatt currently maintains dual residency in Atlanta, Georgia, and South Haven and brings 30+ years of legal and administrative experience to the Moveportz Team. She also owns and operates her own business where she executes her passion for helping veterans and seniors.

Covington retired from the US Marine Corps and the US Army Reserves with 20+ years of experience in managing transportation and logistics. He then put that experience to work teaching management classes at Ivy Tech in South Bend.

The Moveportz Team employs several professional, semi-retired logistics industry drivers including Kenan Harris, who is a Veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps. As a reservist with the United States Army Harris has a background in the trucking industry and has extensive experience in over-the-road trucking loaistics.

As a team, Wyatt and Covington saw the need in the Southwest Michigan area for a fulltime, dependable transportation service and have built their business on excellent customer service and transportation reliability.

Covington explains that each Moveportz service is unique, and is based on number of passengers, schedule availability and other details.

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## Copenhagen Thrills You've Been Wetting For!

As we sail into a series of columns about my cruise around the Baltic Sea, I've conjured another rationalization for feeling okay about even taking a cruise: Lots of people may never visit these places, and my descriptions of what I saw and did can have enlightening, educational and entertainment value for all those people! Assuming all those people read MailMax.

So, anchors aweigh!

The first port we visited was Copenhagen, Denmark. We disembarked bright and early, and headed to the first landmark on the itinerary my wife had cooked up: A statue of The Little Mermaid, from the v Christian Anderson fairy tale.

Getting up before breakfast (my parents used that expression to convey a very early start to a day – "Wow, that's getting up before breakfast!") wound up being to our advantage. We'd heard The Little Mermaid is, in fact, pretty little. And we'd heard that tourists flock to it in droves. So, between its diminutive stature and the crowds, getting photos that look like you had a private moment with her requires considerable waiting and jockeying. But arriving early meant we were the only people there! – no problem getting the photos we wanted! And one I didn't want: Me slipping off a stone and nearly plunging into the Hønsebroløbet canal. Fortunately, my hønse only got a little wet, and my broløbet remained dry.

We did a good bit of strolling after bidding the Mermaid farewell, through a park-slash-military post called Kastellet, neighborhoods with brightly painted buildings, past monuments and along canals. We did a good bit of standing as well, waiting at Amalienborg Slot ("Slot" meaning "castle" or "palace") for the daily changing of the Royal Life Guards. Onlookers are kept well away from the spectacle, so I may have been fooled by an optical illusion, but it sure looked as though most of the soldiers were about 14 years old. And their bearskin hats appeared half as tall as, and twice the diameter of, their bodies.

Copenhagen is kind of a Slot machine – we visited two other castles, and didn't have time for yet a third. Rosenborg Slot was the most impressive – sooooo many treasures stuffed into it. Among the gojillion items on display are three wax figures: King Frederik III, who ruled in the 1600s; his wife and queen Sophie Amalie; and their son, Prince George. George's wax figure is not nearly as realistic as those of his parents – he looks like your basic modern featureless child mannequin. Perhaps the sculptor isn't to blame; I can just picture George squirming around during his sittings and cutting them short by running off to his travel soccer team practice.

The wax effigies are a little weird, but there's something even weirder: The King's Trouser-Wetting Chair. It looks like an ornate but otherwise ordinary armchair. BUT it contains "tentacles" concealed in the armrests. These would somehow grasp and immobilize the sitter, who would then be soaked by water released from a container in the chair's back. For the coup de gras, when the victim leapt up in shock, a trumpet hidden in the seat would cry "TOOT"!

Oh hahahaha! What a grand royal practical joke played on royal guests! Who spent the rest of their visit miserably fake-grinning, with thoroughly soaked hønses. AND broløbets!

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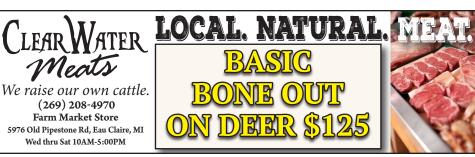
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## Get Past the Grudge

[Jesus said] "The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt, and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt." ~ Matthew 18:27-30

A recent survey indicated the number one reason people stop going to church is that they hold a grudge. They disagree with something someone said or did and can't bring themselves to resolve the problem, so they simply stay away from it.

In a parable told by Jesus, a servant who had a massive debt canceled goes out and finds a second servant who owes a much smaller debt to him. Instead of resolving it, the first servant holds it against the second servant and has the person thrown into prison, where it is difficult to resolve anything.

Can you see the relationship between the two situations?

God forgives people for every sin against him. He sent his son Jesus into the world to pay the debt for every sin. Jesus suffered hell and set people free from the guilt of sin and from the fear of death.

But those same forgiven people decide to hold everyone around them accountable for every sin and every grievance, large or small. They nurse grudges rather than forgiving people, who often don't even realize what they have done.

Then the servants who forget their own forgiveness stay away from church, where the power of forgiveness in Word and sacrament could give them the strength to forgive the people who have grieved them. It's not a good situation.

Get past the grudge. Forgive the other person. Rejoin the Christian assembly. Stay connected to Jesus! Live in forgiveness.

Prayer: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Amen.

> Submitted by Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum Administrative Pastor Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Originated by: www.What AboutJesus.com



# **Joanne Sims**

Isn't that pumpkin house gourd-geous? Joanne is an all-around wonderful volunteer at Fernwood Botanical Gardens. From small tasks like pulling weeds to larger ones such as helping to build their fall displays, Joanne is always ready to lend her time and skills!

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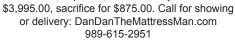


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