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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody**

Walsworth Purchases St. Joseph Real Estate, Points to Growth

There was good news recently about a 'quiet' company that's growing in St. Joseph and around the country. The printing company known simply as 'Walsworth' says it's now the third largest printer of both books and magazines in the nation! That success is leading to long-term investment locally.

Walsworth has purchased the real estate that houses its St. Joseph operation, located on Maiden Lane in St. joseph Township. Walsworth acquired IPC Print Services (a/k/a Imperial Printing) in 2010, taking over the building's lease in the process, and has been utilizing the plant's printing capabilities since then. Now, it has taken full ownership of the real estate.

"Purchasing this building tells our employees, and the St. Joseph community, that we're here to stay," said Phil Archer, General Manager of Walsworth – St. Joseph. "It's another step in showing our commitment to this location."

Lucas Vandermolen, the Manufacturing Support Manager at Walsworth – St. Joseph, feels that the purchase is a big step for the future of the plant. "The investment to own our facility is a huge commitment by the Walsworth family to our employees, customers, and community," said Vandermolen. "This purchase shows how much Walsworth values our plant and our people. This will help with our mission to create opportunities for our team, customers, and communities through print."

The company said the purchase was driven by the success of the St. Joseph plant and its workers. "This is a culmination of our relationships with our customers, our growth as a plant, and how we've been able to make the most out of our past capital investments," Archer added. "Bottom line, it's a reflection on all the hard work our employees have put in to satisfy our customers' needs."

CFO Jeff Vogel feels that this decision speaks to the company's overall strategy and values. "This just reaffirms that we are not short-term people," Vogel said. "Our company is long-term-minded, and we feel strongly GET FIT WHERE YOU FIT IN



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Marcy Simpson

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Fun and interesting things to do in Southwest Michigan

Season's greetings MailMax readers! Whether you're interested in outdoor activities, cultural experiences, or simply enjoying the local charm, Southwest Michigan has a lot to offer throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Complete 2023 by stimulating your chakra system from Root to Crown in an immersive electronic music and yoga experi-

ence at The Collective on Saturday, December 30 at 5:00 p.m. Participants will embark on a 2-hour journey of sound healing by fusing high-fidelity bass with specific Solfeggio frequencies and instruments tuned to stimulate each Chakra one at a time. Yoga and meditation guided by Adrienne Alane White. All

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music is produced and improvised live by Detroit producer, Gar Den Boi, alongside Adri and Luke of The Collective with gongs, bowls, chimes, chanting, and energy-healing.

The Inn at Harbor Shores presents Bubble into the New Year on Sunday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an evening of exceptional food and dancing. The party includes a DJ, champagne toast, fireworks, a selfie station, and late-night popcorn. Ultimate New Year's Eve Party Package includes an overnight stay in a guestroom. Dinner and party-only tickets are also available.

You're invited to the watch party at Sister Lakes Brewing Company as Chef Justin Paruskiewicz competes on Food Network's Guy's Grocery Games. The kitchen will be closed so the culinary team can join the party, but the beer will be flowing, and Propaganda Pizza will be on site serving up salads and slices of their delicious pizza. Don't miss the fun on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Join JLN Studio for a variety of fun classes beginning Thursday, January 4 with painting a wintery tree. Follow that up with an

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Italian Window Painting class on Tuesday, January 16. No experience is necessary. All painting supplies and instructions are included.

Calling all history buffs! Test your knowledge of Michigan history in a friendly, lighthearted competition on Friday, January 5 at 6:00 p.m. at The Heritage Museum. Bring your team of up to eight or join with fellow history aficionados that you meet after you arrive. There will be a 50/50 raffle, games, and a cash bar available throughout the night.

Take a dive into the brewing process and see how River Saint Joe Brewery goes from "Plant-to-Pint" on Saturday, January 6 at 3:00 p.m. at this winter brewery tour. Groups will be guided by one of our brewing staff and learn about the brewing process, our methods, as well as the sustainable and organic practices we employ both as brewers and as a company. On the tour, you'll be treated to three 5oz. beer samples to taste as well as a souvenir pint glass to take home with you.

Terrapin Flyer comes to The Acorn on Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 p.m. For the past 25 years, Terrapin Flyer has been touring with the finest in the Grateful Dead community of musicians and has become a fixture of the national music scene, playing regularly at venues around the country and appearing at music festivals. The band has a dedicated following among fans of the Grateful Dead and other jam bands and is known for their authentic interpretations of rare and classic Dead songs.

As the end of the year approaches, I want to take a moment to wish everyone well and thank you for being part of this journey throughout 2023. Here's to the sense of community, shared experiences, and the collective efforts that make Southwest Michigan a unique and cherished home for many. May your days be filled with love, laughter, and meaningful connections. Happy New Year! If you would like more information on

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On the Loose in Aarhus

I usually write columns this time of year that drop names – the names of guys playing in college football bowl games. But this year I face a choice: Write a couple of those, or sail on sail on sailor with further tales of my Baltic Sea cruise.

Guess I'll keep it on cruise control. But I'm still collecting bowl names, and will put forth a couple of those columns in January, if Farrell and Head are okay with that. Or if they're not.

Today's port of call is Aarhus, Denmark. (Pronunciation guide: Our cruise director said it like so: "ORE-oose." I include this tidbit not just to edify you but to direct you momentarily back to this column's headline, which you might now read differently than you first did!)

Aarhus is really into Bluetooth. As in Harald Bluetooth, the Viking king of Denmark in the late 900s. Bluetooth was his nickname; his real last name was Gormsson. (My guess is there probably wasn't very much debate among the leaders of Bluetooth Special Interest Group, the people who give us Bluetooth wireless technology, over naming the company Bluetooth or Gormsson.)

Herewith, glimpses of Aarhus:

The Well of Pigs: This is a sculpture-slash-fountain near the Aarhus city hall. It depicts a massive sow with seven piglets scrambling around her to suckle. The fountain has built-in mechanical workings which enable quite a – let's say slightly abnormal – sight: At different intervals, the sow "drools," and the piglets, ummm, "pee." I don't know what artistic vision spurred the creation of this piece, but one Danish blog I stumbled across says it's an homage to Denmark's pork producers, because "bacon is a mandatory dish on the table of every Dane." Mandatory bacon?! -- my kids heard this and now all want to visit Denmark!

We visited a large open-air museum called Den Gamle By (translation: "The Old City"). One tours through "neighbourhoods" populated by genuine relocated historic buildings from around 1864, 1927, 1974 and 2014. In the 1864 neighbourhood, we toured a cobbler's shop. Upstairs of the shop is a section devoted to the life of the shoemaker's 14-year-old apprentice. The display is aimed at elementary-age kids. And somewhat to my surprise, right at a grade-schooler's eye level, is a comic-book style depiction of the apprentice visiting a female friend and engaging in, ahem, consensual, clothing-free, not-safe-for-work activity.

Feeling a mite peckish, we checked out the menu at a cozy place called Café Harepus. (Their logo features a little bunny that's reaching for a gigantic mug of hot beverage and a huge croissant, but its arms are waaaaay too small to grab either! Poor thing! That must be one sourpuss Harepus!)

As we decided what to order, I realized that I recognized the song playing on the café's sound system! – and it warmed this Hoosier boy's heart! It was a jazzy version of "Back Home Again in Indiana"! I mentioned it to the barista but she just gave me a kind of sourpuss Harepus look.

We noshed on chocolatey delights called Flodebollers. They were sooooo goooood. Google later claimed the name in English means "River Balls." But I dug a little deeper and found a much more satisfying translation: "Creamy Buns."

(Note to Farrell and Head: I PROMISE those last two sentences are certified safe-for-work.)

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Holiday Giveaway Furnace Winners CONGRATULATIONS!



Kaitlyn Eichler

We received hundreds of nominations since mid-November, and we are so happy to announce our Heartwarming Holiday Giveaway furnace winners were Kaitlyn Eichler of Benton Harbor, Michigan and George Eddy of St. Joseph Michigan. Thank you to Annie Elston, Kaitlyn's grandma for nominating her, and to Dirk Cook, George's son for nominating him! Both winners were incredibly deserving.

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Pink Hat Ladies

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Thanks for being **AWESOME!**



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Dave Says For Starters, Have A Plan

Dear Dave,

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

Melissa Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

Believe it or not, I was once in the exact same spot you are now. When it happened to me, there were three pieces to the puzzle that helped me break the cycle. One was fear. Specifically, I was scared to death that I wouldn't be able to take care of my family, and that I'd retire broke. Now, don't misunderstand me. No one should live their lives in fear. But a healthy, reasonable level of fear can provide needed motivation.

Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living

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that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

The third piece, and maybe the most important because it's connected to our spiritual walk, was contentment. We live in a society that's constantly having the idea that we'll be happier, or more successful, or more admired, if we'll only buy this or that product. We're constantly marketed to, and when we have this stuff in our faces day after day, we can become unsatisfied with just about every aspect of our lives. Don't let it drag you down. It's all just an illusion.

One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I stopped going places where I was tempted to spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you. -Dave

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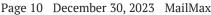




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Tribulation

"These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (EHV) Revelation 7:14

From time to time, archaeologists unearth an item that tells a story. Some years ago, archaeologists were hard at work within the ruins of ancient Rome. They happened to be digging in the remains of a school for imperial pages. As they did, they found a picture dating back to the Third Century A.D. It shows a boy standing, his hand raised, worshiping a figure on a cross. The figure on the cross is a man with the head of a donkey. Scrawled in the handwriting of a child are the words: "Alex worships his God."

In one old picture, the story emerges. Alex is a Christian. The God he worships is the one who came to this earth to die on a cross to wash his sins away. Others in his class find his Christian faith ridiculous. Someone decides to draw a picture of Alex to make fun of him and his Savior.

History tells us that the persecution of Christians went beyond the passing of pictures in class. Christians experienced contempt from the surrounding culture. Christians lost their jobs. They were arrested, tortured, and put to death. On top of all that, the devil used every hardship in their lives as an opportunity to discourage them from trusting in Jesus Christ.

Today, the tribulation continues, as the Lord said it would. Christians around the world face mockery and hostility, torture and death. In addition, Satan does all he can to use the griefs and disappointments of this life to convince Jesus' followers to give up, to quit.

But in the book of Revelation, the Lord gives us a look ahead. On the Last Day, there are Jesus' followers, coming out of the great tribulation. There they are, washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. There they are, basking in their Savior's presence forever.

One more thing. The picture mocking Alex has an additional piece of writing. It says, "Alex is faithful." The Lord sustained Alex. He remained faithful. He will sustain his followers today, too.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in this broken world, tribulations are part of my calling as a Christian. Sustain me and be my strength. Amen.

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







2023 Year in Review

As is tradition with our last column of the year, we thought it fitting to offer a brief look back at some of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber's accomplishments over the past twelve months As I reflected on what to include I am blown away by the progress made on behalf of our members and all who live and work in Southwest Michigan.

Among the first 'success metrics' often considered for chambers are the number of new members that signed on over the course of the year. On that front, I'm pleased to report sixty-two new members have joined from across Southwest Michigan and beyond. Not only is this a record number of new members, the growth occurred organically - i.e. without a membership drive or concerted outreach effort. We are thankful for the trust and support of those who invest in us, and take our role as the largest and most influential business network in the region very seriously.

To that end, while an increase in membership is always welcome, our focus is always on improving our offerings and increasing the value proposition we offer to the community. The metric we use to measure success in this area is engagement, and we've seen engagement in our organization dramatically increase over the course of the last year.

Our Business Recognition Breakfast last February had the largest number of attendees in years, due in part to the exciting implementation of live voting for our award categories. This momentum continued throughout the year, as our Business After Hours, Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, various Advocacy Events, and Marketing Seminars all set new records for average attendance. We sold out our Annual Golf Outing as well as our first-ever Wine and Nine Golf Outing. The latter, a fun, female-focused event we created to offer female professionals an intimidating opportunity to play in an organized outing for the first time, was such a success we're bringing it back on May 31 of next year. Credit for this increased engagement goes to Sarah and Jasmine, who strive to make every outing a meaningful experience for our members

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www.MailMaxOnline.com This year also saw the launch of multiple new programmatic offerings. It was our first year partnering with Lake Michigan College on the Leadership Accelerator program, which graduated twenty-four new leaders in our community this past July. Leadership Accelerator is the region's premier leadership development program designed to help emerging leaders excel in their roles, lead their organizations, and make a lasting impact on our community. We received a record number of applicants for next year's cohort, which will see another thirty emerging leaders undergo this seven-month, transformative learning experience. We also relaunched our Young Professionals program as NextGen. Complete with its own board of directors, NextGen helps emerging leaders build a strong professional network and forge connections that may lead to new business, mentorship opportunities, or even future career advancement.

Those who frequent my columns know that I couldn't close without mentioning one of our most important and impactful work areas - advocacy. We continue to work towards expanding childcare access in our region, directly helping a regional provider raise over \$100k in capacity building funds this past year. We made progress in our pursuit to increase broadband access across Southwest Michigan, having played a key role in helping Berrien County convene and coordinate a public-private coalition that successfully secured over \$50 million in Robin Grant Funds. This grant will help one of our members bring fiber-to-the-premises to over 15,000 new individuals in our community by the end of 2026. Last but certainly not least, we launched an aggressive education campaign in support of Lake Michigan College's Millage Renewal. As their most outspoken ally, we helped secure a victory at the ballot that will raise over \$200 million for the college over the next twenty years, allowing them to continue the important training and technical education services they provide our region.

These are the types of endeavors we are working on in between the ribbon cutting ceremonies we are commonly known for. They are the underlying reason we exist and our contributions in this space are foundational to creating an economic environment where businesses can flourish and people can prosper. Your investment and engagement in our organization directly supports these activities, and we could not do it without you. Stay tuned - there's much more to come in 2024.

A special thank you to MailMax for allowing us to share these weekly updates throughout the year. Most of all, thank you for your loyal readership. We wish you success and prosperity in the New Year.

> Arthur, Sarah, and Jasmine - your Regional Chamber Team



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about the commitments we make to our employees and our communities. We're just putting our money where our mouth is."

Don Walsworth, president of Walsworth, concluded the company's statement: "Through this purchase, Walsworth proudly shows its commitment to the community of St. Joseph. We're thankful for the hard work of our Saint Joseph employees, and how it has contributed to our company's growth over the last decade."

Walsworth is a family-owned company with headquarters in Marceline, Missouri. The company has printing plants in Missouri, Wisconsin and here in St. Joseph. By Gayle Olson, MOTM Contributor

Arriba Taqueria Sold.

Will Remain Open

A popular Mexican restaurant is changing ownership but will remain open in St. Joseph.

Arriba Taqueria at 2112 South Cleveland Avenue, across from Martin's Supermarket is being sold by its longtime owners, Maria and Moises Ferrer.

Maria Ferrer told MoodyOnTheMarket. com that she and her husband are so grateful to the St. Joseph community for first accepting and then popularizing Arriba Taqueria.



"They changed our lives. We are so glad and thankful for St. Joe!"

The Ferrer's were originally from the Chicago area and got involved in the St. Joseph restaurant almost by accident through mutual family acquaintances shortly after it opened eight years ago. They were partners initially and then assumed full ownership, seeing almost constant growth even during the difficult pandemic period.

Maria told us that at age 50 and 51, the couple is now ready for a different, new challenge on which they are already working. It is likely to be another food service business, and she says with a smile that they hope to be able to tell us about it in a few months.

The Ferrer's made the announcement in a Facebook post to their customers:

"After 8 incredible years of serving our wonderful community, it's with mixed feelings that I announce the sale of Arriba Taqueria. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for the unwavering support over the years. Your loyalty has been the driving force behind our success and we will forever be grateful.

Don't worry though, the essence of Arriba Taqueria will endure. The new owners are committed to preserving the cherished recipes that have become a part of our shared culinary experience. While change is a part of life, any adjustments made will be aimed at enhancing your dining experience. I believe the new chapter for Arriba Taqueria will bring exciting improvements that will resonate with the spirit of our community.

As for me and my family it's time for a well-deserved break. Keep your eyes and ears open for what might be coming next. We're exploring new opportunities and adventures for the next chapter of our lives.

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Thank you for being a part of the Arriba Taqueria family. Your continued support has been the spice of Arriba Taqueria's success! It's been an honor serving all of you, and I look forward to the restaurant's continued success in the hands of its new owners. Cheers to the memories we've created together and for the new memories to be made as well. 2016 – 2023 Thank you."

The announcement garnered dozens of social media comments from Arriba Taqueria customers praising the quality of the restaurant's food and hoping that the recipes will be maintained by the new owners. Maria Ferrer responded that it is everyone's intention that it will be 'business as usual' both in taste and service after January 3rd when the sale takes effect January 3, 2024.

December 30, 2023 MailMax Page 13 Arriba Taqueria's new owner will be Ruth Ortiz. She has worked alongside the Ferrer's the past year, according to Maria, who told us they would only sell the restaurant to someone who would maintain the food and service at a high level.

Maria pointed out that the recipes at Arriba came from her family and almost everything was "made from scratch" every day. She said anyone who wants to operate an authentic Mexican restaurant must be committed to being there personally every day, no matter how many hours it takes. She expressed great confidence that they have found that person in Ruth Ortiz, the new owner. Pat Moody

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Motion to postpone the approval of a contribution of \$20,000 to the CGA as a match to Bridgman and an AEP grant for further discussion with lawyers and committee. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.
Motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve the 2023 Budget Amendments as presented. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to resend vote for approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to resend vote for approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to resend vote for approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
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Motion carried.
Motion to approve the 2024 budget approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve the 2024 budget approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
Motion to approve the correct approval of November 21, 2023 board meeting minutes to provide corrections. All ayes, motion carried.
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