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Moody on The Market

Pat Moody

Train Depot's Next Stop: Silver Beach Pizza?

Few newcomers to the city of St. Joseph realize there's an active Amtrak station in town – that is, until they grab a pie at Silver Beach Pizza and take note of the railroad tracks that sit 13 feet from the popular restaurant.

Directly below Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph, at the intersection of Vine and Broad streets, sits an unassuming but highly trafficked, dual-purpose building. One side is a small waiting room for the train station; the rest of the building is commercial space owned by the city of St. Joseph and leased to Silver Beach Pizza.

According to an historical account from Amtrak's Great American Train Stations, the Amtrak station in St. Joseph was constructed for the Pere Marquette Railroad back in 1913. "Its large, covered platform extending to either side of the main building, was likely built to handle heavy summer traffic to and from lakeside resorts."

Amtrak reports the station sat unused between 1971 and 1984. In 1986, the city of St. Joseph reportedly purchased the station from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad for \$10,000. Using money from the Michigan Department of Transportation, the city renovated the property and expanded parking with the goal of attracting a commercial tenant.

In the intervening years from the time of the renovation until 2005, several restaurants have been through the building, and arguably none have been as successful as Silver Beach Pizza. The current owners have renovated the space they occupy and worked with the city to expand their dining areas.

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Marcy Simpson

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Fun and interesting things to do in Southwest Michigan

Whether you're looking to explore the great outdoors, attend a cozy concert or experience a special dance performance, Southwest Michigan has something for everyone.

A variety of artwork and hands-on creations will be on display at the Box Factory for the Arts Series 1 Exhibit, running through

February 25. Meet the artists at the Opening Reception on Friday, January 26, starting at 5:30 p.m. Light snacks and beer and wine will be available. Opening receptions for Gallery Exhibits are free and open to the public.

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Simpson *Continued from cover*

Plank's Tavern will host a special event, Cheese Wheel Pasta Night on Thursday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m. It's the newest cheese trend known as Italian pasta alla ruota. Cooked pasta is placed in a hollowed-out Parmigiano Reggiano cheese wheel, then the chefs mix the pasta in the cheese wheel until every piece is covered with glorious cheese sauce! The cheese wheel is stationed in the dining room, so you can see your delicious creation being prepared right in front of you. Reservations are recommended.

Join St. Joe Today for the annual Ice Fest to celebrate the winter season. It's a weekend that brings frosty fun to downtown St. Joe. Enjoy professional ice carving competitions, a scavenger hunt, ice interactives, and more. The Fest goes from Friday, February 2 through Sunday, February 4.

CPR Dance: Inhale Movement and Project Bound Dance Company invite you to the inaugural community sharing of the Chayah Artistic Residency. Artistic directors of Project Bound Dance, Emily Loar, and Ashley Deran were selected among a series of international applicants for the Chayah Artistic Residency hosted here in Southwest Michigan. Loar and Deran have two weeks to create and set new

work on company members of CPR Dance: Inhale Movement. On Friday, February 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., Loar and Deran will present their work and process in a free community-held informal showing at Lakeshore High School Dance Room. You won't want to miss out on this unique opportunity to engage with professional dance compositional processes and the collaboration with Berrien County Dancers, Project Bound Dance Company, and CPR Dance: Inhale Movement.

Watermark Brewery is hosting its annual Southwest Michigan Polar Plunge benefitting the Special Olympics. The event is Saturday, February 3, and registration/check-in opens in the patio area of Watermark at 10:00 a.m. Plunging in the PLUNGESTER takes place at noon. The After Splash Bash in Watermark's Solarium takes place at 1:30 pm. Bundle up and support this great cause.

Head over to the Acorn on Saturday, February 10 for The Chicago Experience. It is just as it sounds – a group of musicians who call Chicago home, and who share a love for the music of one of the greatest rock n' roll bands of all time... Chicago. The Chicago Experience invites you to relive memories of the music that captured everyone's hearts – from the early hits off Chicago Transit Authority's 1968 self-titled album, such as "Beginnings" and "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?" through the 1980s, with Chicago's hits "Hard To Say I'm Sorry" and "You're The Inspiration," you will share in the joy these songs bring. Concert time is 8:00 p.m.

If you're interested in getting your creative juices flowing check out JLN Studios in Stevensville for a variety of painting classes and The Lilac Loft in St. Joseph for candle-making workshops. These items make great gifts and you're supporting two locally owned businesses.

Stay close to home and enjoy your winter experiences in beautiful Southwest Michigan. If you would like more information on these and many more events and activities in the area, please visit our website at swmichigan.org.

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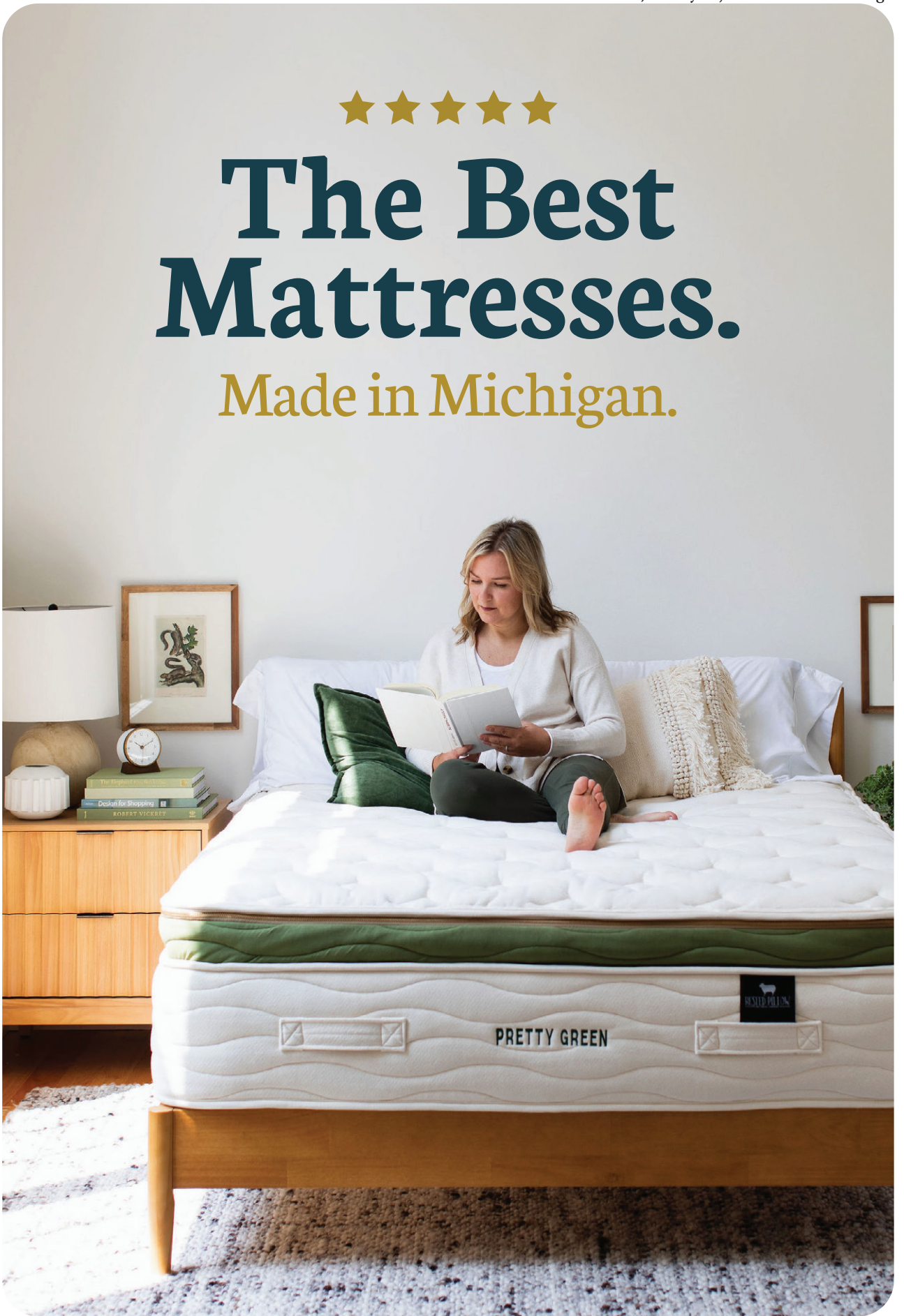
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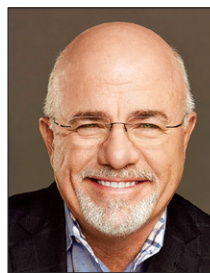
Of course, if you have outside pets, you'll want to make sure they have a warm dry shelter available at all times and fresh water that isn't frozen. We had a Malamute who loved the cold weather and would chase her water dish around on the snow when it was frozen. We said she was playing ice hockey. Juno loved the cold and would curl up in the snow, but when the temperature dipped into the single digits, I made her come inside. She had a doghouse full of straw, but I just couldn't imagine leaving any dog out in that kind of cold.

It's important to remember if you walk your dog in the winter, make certain to check their paws on returning home and wipe them off to protect against any ice-melting chemicals they may have come into contact with. To help protect wildlife and any feral cats that might be in your neighborhood, it's a good idea to honk your horn or make some other noise before starting your vehicle. Animals often like to hide under a car's hood by a warm engine and can be severely injured

once the engine starts. When walking with your dog outside, keep away from frozen bodies of water and always, always have them on a leash. Use nontoxic antifreeze that contains propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol, if at all possible, and make sure all antifreeze spills are cleaned up. Even a small amount can be deadly to a pet. Call your vet immediately if you suspect your pet has ingested any. These are just a few helpful tips. Look for more at www.americanhumane.org.



On January 25th, our dog Ace celebrated his gotcha day. Seven years ago, we welcomed a very thin and scared one-year-old Rat Terrier into our home. He came with a crate, a collar and leash, a half-bag of food, a half-chewed rawhide, and lot of issues. The months ahead were often a struggle, as we dealt with zero-socialization, separation anxiety, and the desire to chew up anything he could get hold of. It took time, a lot of patience, and determination, but most of the bad habits eventually disappeared. He still has an unusual personality, and I've often wondered what his first year of life was like to cause so many problems in a young dog. We'll never know, and now it doesn't matter. The night the foster left him with us, I made Ace a promise that he was home for good.



Dave Ramsey

Financial Expert
The Ramsey Show

Dave Says

An Emergency Fund Isn't About Instant Gratification

Dear Dave,

We all have our debts paid off, except for our home, and our fully funded emergency fund of six months of expenses is in place. In talking to people, it seems there are lots of different opinions as to what constitutes an emergency. What guidelines do you suggest when deciding whether to use our emergency fund?

Ingrid

Dear Ingrid,

There are three things to ask yourself when you're tempted to dip into your emergency fund. One, is it unexpected? Things like Christmas, birthdays and even certain bills come around at the same time every year. If you're not already budgeting for these things, it's time to start. Otherwise, you might use your emergency fund for something that's just the result of poor planning.

Number two, is it absolutely necessary? Most of us think we know the difference between needs and wants, but sometimes the line gets a little blurry. If your car goes

www.MailMaxOnline.com completely kaput, and you need transportation, use your emergency fund to buy something affordable and reliable you can pay cash for. But don't dip into your emergency fund just to upgrade your good car for one with a million bells and whistles. That's a want, not a need.

And three, is it urgent? Sometimes, you have act like a grown-up. Every idea that pops into your mind isn't unexpected, necessary or urgent. You can live that way if you want, but the result will be a quickly depleted emergency fund. Then, what're you going to do when a real emergency comes along?

Practice the art of patience. Avoid impulse buys. Urgent things include stuff like a broken air conditioner in the middle of summer, a busted transmission or sudden, unexpected medical expenses. A big sale at Wal Mart? No. Concert tickets? Definitely not. That great new pair of shoes you just saw in a store window? Give me a break!

Your emergency fund is about long-term security, not instant gratification. Don't use it on a whim. But don't be afraid to use it when you really need to!

—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.*

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A guide to hosting a daytime wedding

Weddings dot the social calendars of millions of people across the globe. The Association for Wedding Professionals International says every



year an average of 2.4 million weddings are performed in the United States and approximately 150,000 per year are performed in Canada. Evenings are the most common time of the day to host a wedding, but that does not mean a daytime wedding cannot be a beautiful event and make for a party to remember.

Couples are increasingly customizing their weddings to be a reflection of their personal styles. One of

the ways couples are customizing their festivities is by moving the wedding to various hours of the day that meet the couple's needs. A wedding that takes place in the late morning or afternoon may be the

perfect fit for some couples. Here's how to navigate the specifics of a daytime wedding.

- Secure accommodations. An early wedding means guests may have to travel from afar the evening before to be able to attend the festivities. Daytime weddings can be complemented by working with a hotel or bed and breakfast to ensure guests will have a place to stay and get ready to arrive at the early wedding in time.

- Don't be afraid to negotiate prices. The wedding resource Bridal Guide says that vendors are typically more amenable to price discounts or offering greater value for daytime weddings. That's because demand for their services is reduced during the day. Similarly, venues may have more availability during the day than at night, and, as a result, they're more flexible on prices, especially since brunch foods generally cost less than dinner entrees.

- Hire the right photographer. Be sure to contract with a photographer who is a pro at handling photos in daylight and natural light. While many photographers are skilled in any light, many are used to shooting in churches and venues with low lighting. Be sure to see picture samples taken during the daytime to gauge a photographer's daytime experience and skill level.

- Employ color to add dimension. During evening weddings, lighting or candles help set the mood. Those same elements will be ineffective in daylight. Choose bright colors for your decor and flowers to brighten up spaces.

- Choose alternative entertainment. Chances are guests are not going to feel as comfortable dancing during daylight hours. Consider other entertainment, such as lawn games, karaoke, or a comedian. A guitarist or pianist may be a nice musical touch.

- Plan food accordingly. Just because the wedding is early does not mean the food should be. Guests still will need to eat. If you are only opting for light appetizers and cocktails, be sure to mention this on the invitation so guests can plan ahead and won't go hungry.

Daytime weddings can be successful with a little tweaking of traditional evening wedding planning.

Make a statement with your wedding cake

Brides and grooms may pour over every detail of their weddings, but few components of the festivities may be as fun, especially for foodies, as deciding what the wedding cake will look like. Couples who want to deliver show-stopping visuals often express some measure of their creativity and personalities through statement wedding cakes.

Many couples now eschew the classic three-tiered white cake in favor of a dessert that garners instant attention. Whether the cake is brightly colored or hand-painted, a towering architectural marvel or shimmering in metallics, couples are opting to make a statement with their confections. Apart from clever cake-toppers, here are ways to stand apart when dessert is served.

- According to the Perfect Wedding Guide, a rising trend in cakes is to cover a white or naked cake with translucent glaze tinted in the couple's wedding colors. This artistic expression can be especially stunning in boho-chic weddings.

- Statement tiers also are popular. The cake may be traditional in nearly every way, but couples then set the cake apart by featuring an elaborate design or a different hue in one tier.

- Martha Stewart Weddings advises that more than just color can be used to make a statement. Lifelike sugar flowers can really set cakes apart. Guests may not be sure if they can consume all aspects of some cakes. But delicate sugar flowers taste as good as they look.

- Hand-painted tiles on a cake are another way to add panache. A bride and groom may be inspired by a European vacation or the stained-glass effects of religious windows and want to add that feel to the tiers of the cake.

- Sometimes a statement comes by way of texture. Even an all-white cake can be dressed up with interesting textural effects. Ruffles, lace, embossing, and 3-D rosettes are different textural components that can be incorporated in cake designs.

- Couples also may want to tell their unique stories with cake. Individual tiers designed to reflect various milestone moments from the couple's relationship can be quite engaging.

- Capitalizing on the trend of edgier weddings, couples may opt for darker hues on their cakes – even a black tier – or nontraditional geometric shapes to the cake itself or its design elements.

Statement cakes can really say something about the couple getting married. Much like other wedding elements, cakes provide a window into the minds of happy couples.

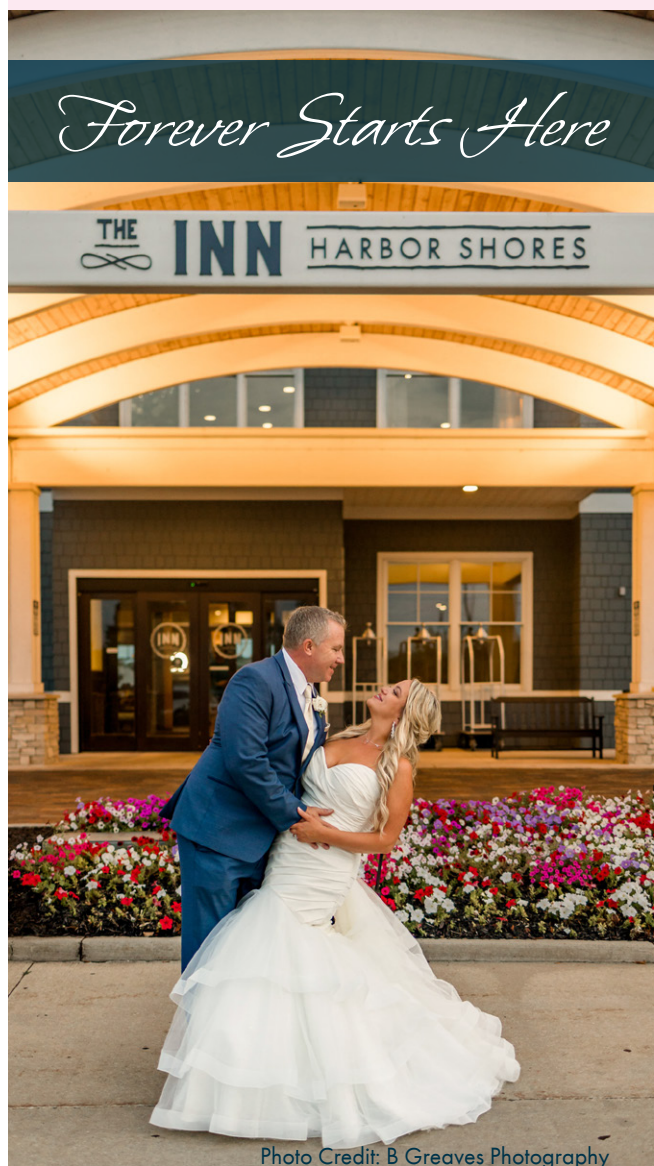


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7 ways to incorporate some personality into your wedding

Weddings present an opportunity to embrace time-honored traditions. However, couples can be as tradition-minded or as unique in their wedding details as they desire. There's certainly room to let personalities shine through during both the ceremony and the reception.

Increasingly couples are seeking ways to set their celebrations apart from the scores that came before them. While one may not want to banish all customs, there are several ways for couples to inject their own personalities into the proceedings. Here are seven ways to inject some personality into a wedding.

1. Have custom-designed rings made. Couples can work with jewelers to have rings made to their specifications rather than buying only what is available in the cases. Furthermore, the rings do not have to be matching sets. A couple can select ring styles that complement one another but may be slightly different in design.

2. Cut out the cake. Many couples just aren't fans of traditional sponge cake with buttercream or fondant overlay, so why have that expensive, multi-tiered confectionary creation at the wedding? Instead, serve a more popular dessert. Dessert artists can whip up many impressive options and present them in dramatic (or cake-like) fashion. What about a tower of decadent brownies or a stack of fruit-and-cream-filled crêpes?

3. Write the vows. Vows present an excellent way for couples to let their personalities shine through. Couples can showcase humor, compassion, quirks, and more with the messages they share with one another.

4. Customize table numbering. Seating cards traditionally guide guests to numbered tables around the reception hall. There is no rule that the tables have to be organized by numbers, however. Those who like movies can name the tables by movie titles. A couple that loves to travel can make the tables destinations around the world. Keep in mind the catering staff may ask that numbers also accompany the alternative system for ease of serving dinners and keeping orders straight.

5. Make a grand entrance. Couples need not feel beholden to taking a limousine to and from their weddings. Fans of the movie "Batman" can rent a Batmobile replica. Those who couldn't get enough of "Breaking Bad" may want to roll up in an RV. There's also the option of a horse-drawn carriage or a sports car.

6. Serve custom cocktails. Traditional drinks can be given custom names that pertain to details of the couple's lives or how they met. If someone is a microbrewer or makes his or her own wine, these boutique beverages also can be served.

7. Create a monogram. Use the monogram on save-the-dates, invitations, the home page of a wedding website, the ceremony program, and even on cocktail napkins at the reception. The continuity will help set the tone for the wedding.

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SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 1,800

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MSRP.....\$30,040
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 239
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2024 RAM 1500 QUAD CAB 4X4 TRADESMAN NIGHT EDITION DEMO

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MSRP.....\$51,490
 SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT.....- 2,995
 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH - 4,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$43,995
 CCAP LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH* - 3,000
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2023 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4 DEMO

Black, Freedom Edition, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Alpine Premium Audio System, Navigation, Black 3-Piece Hardtop, and Much More! C23019

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 NATIONAL STANDALONE 15% OFF MSRP - 8,559
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$44,995
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Baltic Gray Metallic, Dual Pane Panoramic Sunroof, Heated First and Second Row Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Navigation, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Power Liftgate, Adaptive Cruise Control, Remote Start, and Much More! C23231

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2023 RAM PROMASTER 15 FOOT BOX TRUCK DEMO

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MSRP.....\$45,295
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 SUBTOTAL.....\$58,220
 SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT.....- 4,225
 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT/UPFIT* - 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$52,995
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH* - 500
AS LOW AS \$52,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)



NEW 2022 RAM 1500 REBEL CREW CAB 4X4

Bright White, Leather Bucket Seats, Dual Pane Panoramic Sunroof, 9 Amplified Speakers with Subwoofer, 5.7 HEMI V8 Engine, Heated Front and Rear Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Parksense Front and Rear Park Assist, Power Adjustable Pedals, Remote Start, Night Edition, Off Road Group, Trailer Tow Group, Wireless Charging Pad, and Much More! C22251

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MSRP.....\$74,150
 SIEMANS DISCOUNT..- 13,155
AS LOW AS \$60,995



2024 RAM 1500 CREW CAB LIMITED 4X4 DEMO

Diamond Black Crystal, Night Edition, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Dual Pane Panoramic Roof, Trailer Tow Group, 5.7 HEMI V8 Engine, Surround View Camera, Spray In Bedliner, Heads Up Display, Lane Keep Assist, Power Running Boards, Parallel and Perpendicular Park Assist, Wireless Charging Pad, 22 Inch Black Aluminum Wheels, 19 Speaker Harman Kardon Premium Sound, Sport Performance Hood, Trailer Brake Controller, Trailer Reverse Steering Control, Heated Steering Wheel, 4 Cornered Air Suspension, Navigation, Heated Seats, Power Tailgate Release, and Much More! C24009

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 NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH - 4,500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$72,995
 CCAP LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH* - 3,000
 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH* - 500
AS LOW AS \$69,495

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NEW 2022 RAM 5500 CREW CAB 4X4 DUMP TRUCK

Bright White, 6.7 Cummins Turbo DIESEL, Trailer Brake Controller, Chrome Appearance Group, Electronic Shift-On-The-Fly Transfer Case, Black Tubular Side Steps, VOTH Aluminum Dump Body, Tool Boxes, and Much More! C22265

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 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 12,440
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**2020 GMC SIERRA 1500
ELEVATION EXTENDED CAB 4X4**

NOW \$33,228

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 96K Miles, Bedliner, Step Bars, Power Driver's Seats, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Auto Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Onyx Black, F23254B

WAS \$49,995



2019 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

NOW \$46,396

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 67K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Running Boards, Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Sunroof, DVD Entertainment System, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Front Collision Warning, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Onyx Black, F23223A

WAS \$32,562



2021 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

NOW \$30,995

2.3 EcoBoost Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Power Heated Front Seats, Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black Metallic, F23201A

WAS \$43,420



2020 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4

NOW \$40,995

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Board, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Panoramic Moonroof, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified Diamond Black Crystal Pearlcoat, F23302A

MANAGER'S

WAS \$42,559



2022 DODGE DURANGO GT PLUS AWD

NOW \$40,565

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 22K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Blacktop Package, Performance Hood, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Sunroof, Adaptive Cruise Control w/Stop, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Lane Departure Warning, Full Speed Forward Collision Warning, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! DB Black Clearcoat, F23216B

WAS \$26,665



2021 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD

NOW \$23,995

1.5 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 19K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Roof, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Star White Metallic, U23154

WAS \$28,559



2021 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

NOW \$26,927

2.0 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC4, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Vista Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System Ford Certified! Iconic Silver, U23162

WAS \$42,887



2020 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$37,218

3.6 V6 EcoBoost, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 48K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Max Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Rapid Red Metallic, F23218A

WAS \$29,862



2019 AUDI PREMIUM PLUS

NOW \$28,862

2.0 TFSI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 48K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Board, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power 3rd Row Seat, CD-Player, Front Collision Mitigation, Rear Cross-Traffic Alert, Remote Keyless Entry System

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2023 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4

NOW \$36,426

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 8K Miles! Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Climate Control, Touchscreen Display, Wireless Charging Pad, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Front and Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black Crystal, C23157A

WAS \$26,928



2021 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD

NOW \$22,570

3.3 HYBRID Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Heavy Duty Steel Wheels, 71K Miles, Ready for the Road Package, Console Mounting Plate, Spot Lamp, Power Driver's Seat, Interior Liftgate Release, Back-Up Camera, Keyless Entry System, Agate Black Metallic, C23217A

WAS \$50,824



2022 FORD BRONCO ADVANCED OUTER BANKS 4X4

NOW \$42,995

Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 7K Miles! High Package, Running Board, Cargo Area Protector, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 4, 2-Door, Heated Front Seats, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Cyber Orange Metallic, F23231A

WAS \$28,707



2020 FORD EXPLORER

NOW \$27,707

2.3 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 48K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Board, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Evasive Steering Assist, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate

WAS \$25,500



2022 FORD ECOSPORT SES 4X4

NOW \$22,787

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 8K Miles! Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moonroof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Diamond White, F23207A

WAS \$25,901



2020 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

NOW \$21,886

2.3 EcoBoost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 111K Miles, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Rapid Red Metallic, F23230A

WAS \$31,285



2019 SUBARU FORESTER TOURING AWD

NOW \$27,678

2.5 EFI Engine, 7 Speed CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, Power Moonroof, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front and Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black Silica, U23117A

WAS \$28,793



2015 FORD F-450 SUPER DUTY REGULAR CAB

NOW \$27,793

6.7 V8 Power Stroke Diesel Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, 166K Miles, Power Windows, Trailer Brake Controller, Lane Keeping Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic Metallic, F23230A



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2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$28,798

3.5 V6 Ecoboost Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 78K Miles, Pickup Bed Cap, Bedliner, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Slide Rear Window, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ingot Silver, F23020A

WAS \$42,997



2021 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

NOW \$39,825

5.7 V8 HEMI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Night Edition! Bedliner, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Rear Power Slide Window, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Diamond Black Crystal Pearlcoat, C24014A

WAS \$46,555



2021 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4

NOW \$44,704

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Panoramic Sunroof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Tailgate Release, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Ivory White Tri-Coat, C24023A

WAS \$40,995



2020 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$38,836

3.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Six Spoke Alloy Wheels, 36K Miles, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Slide Rear Window, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, MAX Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Iconic Silver, U23157

SPECIALS

WAS \$26,346



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NOW \$26,346

3.0 V6 TFSI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, 77K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Seats, Panoramic Sunroom, Climate Control, Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Orca Black Metallic, F23224A

WAS \$37,995



2020 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$33,818

2.7 V6 Ecoboost, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 60K Miles, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Sliding Rear Window, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Iconic Silver, U23142

WAS \$39,999



2020 RAM 1500 BIG HORN NIGHT EDITION CREW CAB 4X4

NOW \$35,915

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 43K Miles, Bedliner, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Sliding Rear Window, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Diamond Black Crystal Pearlcoat, U23152

WAS \$33,627



2020 FORD RANGER XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$28,747

2.3 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, 5 Foot Box, Sport Appearance Package, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Rapid Red Metallic, U23118

WAS \$45,301



2023 KIA SORENTO X-LINE PRESTIGE AWD

NOW \$41,585

2.5 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 5K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Panoramic Sunroof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Front and Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gravity Gray, C23232A

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WAS \$21,995



FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

NOW \$21,995

3.5 V6 Ecoboost, 18K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Seats, Twin Panel Moonroof, Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Agate Black Metallic, F23161A

WAS \$26,682



2020 FORD ESCAPE SE AWD

NOW \$23,293

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 17K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Temp Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Dark Persian Green Metallic, U23131

WAS \$29,704



2017 MERCEDES GLE350 4MATIC AWD

NOW \$22,831

3.5 EFI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 81K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Power Sunroof, CD-Player, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Black, F23163A

WAS \$62,795



2019 FORD F-150 RAPTOR SUPERCREW 4X4

NOW \$56,555

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Moonroof, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Rear Window, 360 Degree Camera, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F23209A

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FORD SUPER DUTY CAB BOX TRUCK

NOW \$25,995

6.7 L Power Stroke Diesel Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Power Windows and Locks, Limited Slip Axle, Remote Keyless Entry System, Oxford White, F22271A

WAS \$54,764



2019 FORD F-350 XLT SRW CREW CAB 4X4

NOW \$49,860

6.7 V8 DIESEL Power Stroke Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 60K Miles, Security Cover, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, FORD CERTIFIED! Agate Black, C23155B

WAS \$25,995



2022 HONDA CIVIC SPORT 4 DOOR SEDAN

NOW \$21,995

2.0 EFI Engine, 1 Speed CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Lunar Silver Metallic, M24006A

WAS \$46,995



2022 JEEP GLADIATOR OVERLAND 4X4

NOW \$44,717

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 7K Miles! Security Cover, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, High Altitude Package, MOPAR Hardtop Headliner, Heated Leather Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, Alpine Premium Audio System, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot & Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Clearcoat, F23192A

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2021 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4
NOW \$32,995

3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 28K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Altitude Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite Crystal Metallic, U23187



2020 RAM 1500 LARAMIE SPORT CREW CAB 4X4
NOW \$42,887

5.7 V8 HEMI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot & Cross Path Detection, Back-Up Camera, Remote Tailgate Release, Trailer Brake Controller, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Diamond Black Crystal Pearlcoat, F23331A

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3.7 V6 Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Heavy Duty Steel Wheels, 85K Miles, Ready for the Road Package, Console Mounting Plate, Spot Lamp, Power Driver's Seat, Interior Liftgate Release, Back-Up Camera, Keyless Entry System, Shadow Black, C23234A

NOW \$15,970

2021 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4



3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 52K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Panoramic Sunroof, Bi-Xenon Headlamps, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Full Speed Forward Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning Plus, Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White, C24082A

NOW \$34,997

2022 RAM 1500 BIG HORN QUAD CAB 4X4



3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 17K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Night Edition, Power Driver's Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Radio, Back-Up Camera, Anti-Spin Differential Rear Axle, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Billet Silver Metallic, F23211A

NOW \$39,500

2013 FORD F-250 XL SUPERCAB



6.2 V8 Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 47K Miles! Cruise Control, Preferred Package, Vinyl Flooring, Vermillion Red, C22269A

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3.5 V6 Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 131K Miles, Climate Control, SYNC, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ingot Silver Metallic, U23175A



2020 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT SUPERCREW/4X4
NOW \$36,995

2.7 V6 Ecoboost Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Front Collision Mitigation, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black Metallic, U23181



2022 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE LUX 4X4
NOW \$26,334

2.4 Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Leather Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver Metallic, U23180

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2020 FORD EDGE SEL AWD
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A little about both organizations: The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber is a 501(c)6 business advocacy organization working to advance economic prosperity throughout the region. Our affiliate, the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber and Growth Alliance, is a 501(c)3 organization committed to fostering economic growth and community development within the City of Bridgman and Lake Charter Township.

The Director will play a key role in advancing the mission, programming, and initiatives of the Bridgman CGA. Primary responsibilities will include developing and implementing strategies to attract new businesses, retain and strengthen existing enterprises, and foster overall economic growth within the greater Bridgman area. The position requires a candidate who possesses strategic thinking, robust leadership and organizational skills, an understanding of economic and business development principles, and the capability to collaborate effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities of this position include: **Strategic Planning** for the CGA as well as a local economic development strategy for business growth and community prosperity. **Business Attraction and Retention. Stakeholder Collaboration** with local businesses, government agencies, educational institutions, and community organizations. **Grant and Funding Management. Community Engagement** to understand its needs, gather feedback, and ensure that area economic and community development efforts align with community goals. **Marketing and Promotion** of greater Bridgman as an attractive destination for businesses, investors, and residents. **Chamber Services** such as membership recruitment, member events, and the provision of benefits to members. **Organizational Management** of the day-to-day operation of the Bridgman CGA, including budget management, board engagement, the provision of services and programming, and compliance with organizational policies.

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Note: The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender, religion, or disability status of otherwise qualified individuals. We encourage candidates of all backgrounds to apply.

To see the full posting visit: <https://bit.ly/HiringCGADirector>
You can also connect with me directly at sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com or 269-932-4040. I look forward to seeing you around Southwest Michigan!



Glenn Rosenbaum

Pastor

The King Comes to Comfort His People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:1,2

George Frideric Handel's Messiah has been thrilling audiences for 281 years. For some, attending a performance of Messiah is as much a part of Christmas as putting up lights, decorating a tree, or exchanging gifts. The music of Messiah stirs our emotions like few other pieces of music can.

And yet, the true greatness of Messiah is in its message drawn directly from the Bible, such as this passage from Isaiah 40, which touches our hearts and strengthens our spirits.

"Comfort, comfort my people," God says. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." Comfort is what we need when we are grieving, broken, or in despair. Comfort in knowing that we are loved. Comfort in knowing that someone understands what we are going through and knowing there is a way out of our grief, brokenness, and despair.

The original audience for this message was people who had turned away from God to rebellion, disobedience, and sin. Now, they were paying the price. God let them be attacked and defeated by an enemy nation.

Far away from home, they were left with nothing but guilt. But into this emptiness, God spoke comfort and hope. Your sin has been paid for. You are right with God.

How? We want to know because we, too, are guilty of turning away from God. We deserve his punishment. But God promised that a King was coming to pay the price for our sins and guilt. That King, Jesus, proved his love by coming to be one of us. He knows what we are going through. What comfort! And because of him, there's a way out. He speaks tenderly to us in his Word and says, "I love you. I forgive you. You are mine." What comfort!

At this point in Handel's Messiah, the slow, somber music moves higher, breaking through the gloom of despair and striking a note of hope. So, too, our hearts sing because of the comfort our King comes to bring.

Prayer: King Jesus, come to me and comfort me with your promise of forgiveness and the assurance of your love. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum
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**The Names That Play(ed)
the Games, Part Deux**

There was no shortage of college football bowl games this season – 41 of ‘em! – which led to no shortage of inane announcer-speak, such as this exchange after a particularly hard tackle:

Play-by-play guy: “Wow! What do you think of that hit?”

Color guy: “It sent chills up my spine!”

Play-by-play: “In a good way?”

Color: “No! . . . (two beats later) . . . And yes! Because I’m glad it wasn’t me getting hit!”

I’d love to hear those two guys stumble around a description of a play that involved a collision between Coastal Carolina defensive lineman Kennedy Roberts and North Carolina State defensive back Robert Kennedy.

There is just something appealingly syncretic about this trio of names of defensive lineman from San Jose State: Vaka Hansen, Mata Fola and Gafa Faga.

By the way, Gafa Faga is on my “ALL-ONLY the EXACT SAME Letters in First AND Last Names” Team. Okay, well, full disclosure -- he’s the ONLY member of that team.

Can you picture Texas State running back Damarius Good being nicknamed “It’s All”?

More Texas State: I could easily “C” these receivers with a different first letter in their first names: Kannon Webb, Kole Wilson, and Konner Fox.

Rice University has a defensive back named Moh Bility. (Moh is short for Mohammed.) But it’s

also worth noting that his father, Ali, can go by A. Bility.

Cal wide receiver Trond Grizzell demands mention just because Trond is a name I haven’t come across before. But he also demands mention because Cal’s sports teams are called the Golden Bears, making Trond a Grizzell Bear.

This University of South Alabama defensive back’s name suggests a safe and secure place to store sweet potatoes: Yam Banks.

I’m picturing this South Alabama wide receiver as someone who can give you a ten and two fives for a twenty – he’s Cash Turner.

Remember that thing I said earlier about my “ALL-ONLY the EXACT SAME Letters in First AND Last Names” Team? Well, these guys are on my “All-Same First Name AND Last Name” Team: Eastern Michigan defensive back Hussein Hussein, University of South Florida linebacker Amer Amer, and University of California defensive lineman Ileremia Ileremia!

When Appalachian State *really* wants to slow somebody down, they put their tight end on ‘im. . . he’s Max Drag.

No. 5 son and I occasionally play a “game” where we switch the first letters of a player’s name. For example, Joe Smith becomes Smoe Jith, or Luke Skywalker becomes Skuke Lywalker. I’m just setting you up for understanding why I include in this column Texas Tech defensive back Landon Hullaby – because with “initial switching,” he becomes Handon Lullaby.

The internet tells me that the name Cephas means “rock” in Aramaic. This tells me that the Peach Bowl, pitting Penn State versus University of Mississippi, should end deadlocked: Because according to Rock-Paper-Scissors rules, it’s a tie between Mississippi defensive end Cephas (Pettis) and Penn State wide receiver (Dante) Cephas.

We kicked off last week’s column with mention of University of Texas-San Antonio linebacker Pig Cage. We finish this week’s column with mention of his teammate Buffalo Kruize. Just because it’s a name that sends chills up my spine. . . in good and bad ways!

Moody *Continued from cover*

Now, the owners of Silver Beach Pizza are interested in purchasing the train depot property.

Silver Beach Pizza’s Tony Bertig told St. Joseph City Commissioners recently the business has leased the property from the city for 19 years and operations have been more successful than the founders ever expected. He’s asking city commissioners to explore the idea of a sale so the business can operate well into the future.

“We obviously don’t have any concrete numbers, ideas, or anything. It’s just an idea. And if the city feels that it’s in your best interest, and if we feel agreeable to the terms, it’s something that’s a possibility.”

City Manager John Hodgson confirmed Silver Beach Pizza has one more seven-year option on its lease that would run from 2025 to 2032, meaning there are eight more years to go on the current agreement. Even so, Hodgson said a city sale of the property to the restaurant is feasible.

“It’s a little bit of an unusual property in that the building was sold to the city in the 1980s as a piece of personal property -- kind of as a piece of equipment rather than owning the ground that it’s on, because it’s located in a public right of way. It’s located in a street. So, it’s certainly possible.”

Hodgson notes besides the public right of way, there are other ties to the building. “The Amtrak station in that location operates under the deed through which the city acquired the building. According to the terms, Amtrak is entitled to stay in the building and utilize the waiting room.”

Amtrak pays maintenance fees to the city for its use of the building. Also, Hodgson says the city pays a small lease to CSX Railroad for part of the property.

The city’s properties committee is now charged with studying the issue of a possible sale to Silver Beach Pizza, but no timetable for a decision has been established.

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Krasl Art Fair considering "name your price" model

St. Joseph City Commissioners are urging Krasl Art Center leaders to follow a "name your price" model this summer when it comes to charging admission to the Krasl Art Fair.

The event, held at Lake Bluff Park each summer, has traditionally been free to attend, but the Krasl started asking patrons for a \$5 donation coming out of COVID.

Discussions last year between city commissioners and Krasl leadership led to commissioners asking for a different model. That's because the fair is held on public property.

At the city commission's regular Monday meeting, Krasl Director Tami Fauver pitched two options to commissioners. One was to charge \$5 but allow anyone free access with no questions asked if they so request. The other option was to ask visitors to make a donation of their choice, while also allowing free admission if requested.

St. Joe Mayor Brook Thomas told us that sounds reasonable.

"I think it's important that we are following both the legal aspects of our city

policies and procedures, and I think that we are going to come to an agreement that meets both of our needs and still have a fabulous art fair," Thomas said. "I look forward to it this summer."

The Krasl is preparing its event application to be considered by the commission next month and wants to have the admission fee question answered before then. Commissioners urged the Krasl to proceed with the "name your price" model for patrons. The museum will be back in February with the full event application for commission approval.

The Krasl Art Fair on the Bluff is scheduled for July 12 through July 14.

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5:00pm-8:00pm

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8:00pm - **Fire & Ice Tower** sponsored by Tru by Hilton - corner of State and Pleasant

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Saturday, February 3

7:30am-4:00pm - **Professional Team Competition** -

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