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# Moody on The Market Pat Moody

# Celebrating area nonprofits with the Berrien Community Foundation

Berrien Community Foundation (BCF), the area's premier philanthropic organization, held their 72nd annual meeting and celebration last night and awarded \$269,000 in grants to nonprofit groups and community members for their work in Southwest Michigan.

At the event held Wednesday at the Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall at Lake Michigan College, the BCF gave five major awards: Alamar Nonprofit Sustainability Grant, Carolyn's Kids, The Stephen E. Upton Love Your Community Grant, Golden Acorn Volunteer Award and Golden Acorn Excellence Award.

"We are celebrating a year of exploring innovative solutions to challenges we've experienced and seen right here in Berrien County," said Berrien Community Foundation President Lisa Cripps-Downey. "If we couldn't go over an obstacle, we figured out how to go under, around or through it. Our successes and the successes of our nonprofit friends are what we celebrate at our Annual Meeting & Celebration."

BCF leaders announced new programs including micro-loans and an urgent needs scholarship fund. The BCF/Emerge Micro-Loan Program is a new micro-loan program partnership available to entrepreneurial businesses working with Emerge Innovation Hub. The program is the first initiative in Berrien Community Foundation's Local Impact Investing efforts.

The Berrien Community Foundation also announced the launch of the Urgent Needs Scholarship Fund. Through a partnership with local donors, and a donation from the Baird Wealth Management Charity Golf Outing, the fund will help students "when life happens."

The following are a summary of last night's awards with descriptions provided by BCF.

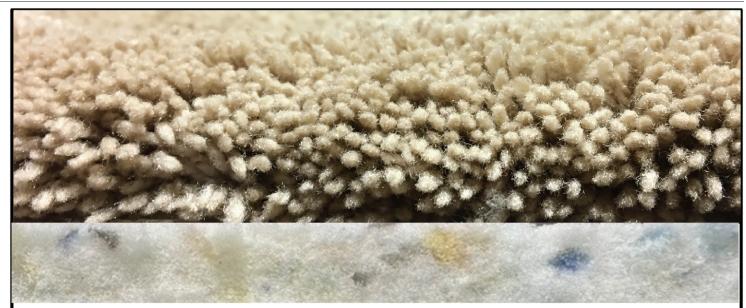
Alamar Nonprofit Sustainability Grant
The \$75,000 Alamar Nonprofit

Sustainability Grant supports nonprofits as they seek creative ways to take care of their employees and find organizational sustainability. The grant is paid out over three years.

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southwest Michigan, Inc. (CASA) received the 2024 Alamar Nonprofit Sustainability Grant.

CASA will invest in its staff and volunteers' mental health through regularly provided training, consulting, and coaching on secondary traumatic stress and burnout prevention. CASA serves some of the region's most vulnerable children — those who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or other adversity and placed in the foster care system.

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Join Megan of Tempest Yoga at Owen Sisters & Company for a relaxing one-hour yin yoga on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. Doors open at 9:45 a.m. Megan will lead you through a relaxing Yin-style yoga class. Following yoga, you can choose one of the options from the O & Co. DIY craft or Plant

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Located inside the "Market" in St. Joseph - The St. Joe Wine Shoppe focuses on small batch, limited production, dynamic, and fun wines. They specialize in providing natural, organic, biodynamic, and sustainable wines to our area. They strive to provide a non-pretentious space for all people to learn about low-intervention and delicious wines from all around the world. Wine can be intimidating sometimes, but wine should be fun. Come join as they open a few bottles for free samples from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29. Hopefully, you'll find your new favorite wine.

The Berrien County Historical Association's annual community ofrenda (an altar, built to honor lost loved ones) returns on Wednesday, October 2, and will be on display inside the 1839 Courthouse through Saturday, November 3. The community is invited to join by placing photos and non-perishable, non-valuable items on the altar to remember our friends and family who have passed.

In addition, you may visit the museum from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2 for coffee, pastries, and memories for Day of the Dead.

Brush + Bloom is offering a watercolor workshop on Saturday, October 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join watercolor artist and educator, Alexandra Hibshman, for a Seascapes Watercolor Workshop. You will learn watercolor basic techniques and then dive right into exercises to learn how to paint

water and waves. Everyone will walk away with a unique and vibrant final seascape project. This is great for all levels including beginners.

Grab your pups for the Doggie Hayride at Stover's Market & U-Pick on Saturday, October 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a hayride through the orchard with your furry friend and support Animal Aid and Friends of Berrien County Animal Control. There will also be adoptable pets, a silent auction, delicious cider and treats, and a chance to win a gift card. Don't miss out on this fun family-friendly event.

From the bombastic and epic to the folky and mystical, Get The Led Out has captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians' intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you've never heard before. They touch on the deeper cuts that were seldom, if ever heard in concert. GTLO also includes a special "acoustic set" with Zep favorites such as "Tangerine" and "Hey Hey What Can I Do." See them live at Four Winds Casino New Buffalo on Friday, October 11 starting at 9:00.

Sharing your events on our calendar is easy and best of all FREE. If you'd like to learn more contact Sarah at <a href="mailto:ssteffens@swmichigan.org">ssteffens@swmichigan.org</a>. If you would like more information on these and other events and activities in the area, please visit our website at swmichigan.org.

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# Skin Rehab: Recovering from Summer's Toll

Although summer has drawn to a close, this year has truly been exceptional, giving us plenty of opportunities to bask in the sun, relax on the sand, and appreciate the shores of Lake Michigan. As you glance in the mirror, you may see reflections of a life beautifully lived by the lake. In all the fun, perhaps you overlooked reapplying sunscreen, resulting in visible dark-pigmented spots and deeper lines. While the sun nourishes our souls both mentally and physically, it can also be harsh on our skin. Over time, repeated sun exposure, along with lifestyle choices and genetics, can lead to dark spots, wrinkles, and even skin cancers.

The good news is that lasers and other energy-based devices significantly improve skin concerns with surprisingly little downtime. Medical lasers use the power of light with laser precision to create a "controlled injury" to the surface of the skin. The energy from the light creates heat which penetrates

below the surface of the skin to "injure" the collagen. This signals the body that it is time to repair and heal the injury that has been created. As old skin flakes away, new skin cells are produced on the surface of the skin creating a smoother and refreshed appearance. The activity below the surface of the skin causes the body to produce collagen and elastin, the building blocks of our skin and soft tissue structure.

Broad Band Light (BBL) is another laser treatment that doesn't visibly injure the surface of the skin but directly treats dark pigment (sun spots) causing it to come to the surface and flake off.

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### Finger Flickin' Good

I am way WAY away for a bit – I'll explain later. In the meantime, here's a gently pre-owned column for you!

No. 5 son (age 14) and his friends are all atwitter about a "new" pastime they've recently discovered: "Paper Football."

You're probably familiar with Paper Football, and yet, I must explain it. Because there's an ironclad, inescapable and irrevocable rule of journal-

ism that states: "Always explain everything, especially if you're getting paid by the word."

Paper Football is a game that uses a sheet of paper as a football. Of course, a sheet of paper bears no resemblance to the oblate spheroid used in tackle football. So, to improve its aerodynamic properties, the paper is folded, fold upon fold upon fold, until it achieves a roughly triangular shape.

Then the object is to flick the "ball" across a table with one of your fingers until it pokes your opponent in the eye. Barring that, the next best thing is for even a single molecule of the triangle to protrude beyond the edge of the table. This means you've scored a "touchdown," and can then try to "kick" an extra point that – hopefully – hits your opponent in the eye. After, of course, clearing the "goalpost" that your opponent forms with his hands, both of which he holds in the shape of a capital "L," much like the symbol for "Loser," which you are trying to make him.

No. 5 apparently plays a lot of paper football with his friends at school. I keep expecting him to come home with some woeful tale about paper football ruining friendships. I worry about this because paper football could get mighty competitive back in my youth. Games would sometimes deteriorate into pure brutishness, with my scrawny unprotected fingers being unexpectedly and illegally "tackled" in the middle of a flick by the iron fists of an opponent. This usually happened when I was way ahead, and, perhaps somewhat inconsiderately, comparing my opponent's paper football skills unfavorably to those of an elderly, if not deceased, female relative, i.e., his great-great-great grandma.

At least paper football gives No. 5 some respite from the labors of freshman year. I'm tellin' ya, they really pile on the homework! Or so I thought, when I tried lifting his backpack the other day; it weighed more than he does! Turned out it contained over 3,700 paper footballs.

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Apparently when he's not involved in a game, No.
5 spends all his free time manufacturing new
balls. He claims he's selling them, quite successfully, at a dime apiece. Although he made me
promise to keep quiet about it, so the IRS doesn't
come after him for sales taxes.

I noticed he uses two distinct types of paper for his footballs. He prefers clean white copy paper, which explains why my printer tray is always empty. But when that's not available, he says he's got a reliable source of old worthless scraps to fall back on. Upon closer inspection of his "worthless scrap" balls, I discovered they're made from clippings of my MailMax columns!

So tonight, I'm going to trounce him in paper football so badly that his great-great-great-great grandma will hear him bellering. And if I lose, well, I have a hunch he'll be hearing from

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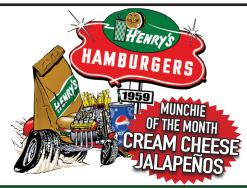
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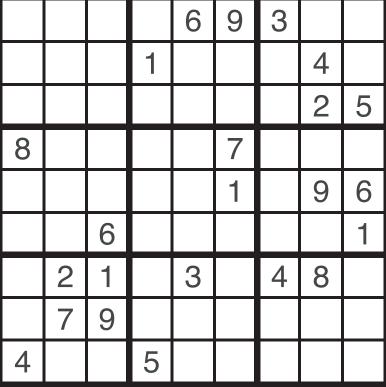
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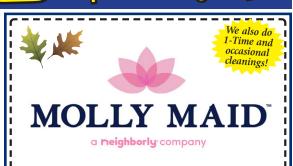
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# **Upcoming Events**

As we wrap up our final week in September and the first week of Fall, things are continuing to happen all across the community. BIG things to be exact!

On Tuesday, October 1st, at Noon, there will be a special announcement at the Lake Michigan College Hanson Technology Center regarding the Berrien Talent Collaborative. Readers are all cordially invited to attend the announcement. Earlier this year, the **Berrien** Regional Educational Service Agency (Berrien RESA), Lake Michigan College, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce came together to form the Berrien Talent Collaborative - a first of its kind partnership that bridges the gap between students and businesses to create apprenticeship opportunities in the community. Based out of the Bertrand Innovation Center, formerly known as Lake Michigan College's Bertrand Campus, this initiative opens up the types of apprenticeships to almost every single business out there, helps the talent gap that is currently in the market, and allows the younger generation to get a head start on their careers.

The October 1st event will include a check presentation by State Representative Joey Andrews (D-St. Joseph), who helped secure \$500,000 in funding from the State of

Michigan to help get the program started. We will also be doing a special ribbon cutting ceremony and a press conference to discuss the impact of the program moving forward.

The following week, we have two ribbon cuttings for businesses that recently went through significant expansions of their busi-

First up is the celebration of the **South** Shore Health and Racquet Club's new indoor Pickleball courts on Monday, October 7th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to join! South Shore staff will be available to teach individuals how to play or play with those familiar with the sport. The 30,000-square-foot addition, built specifically for Pickleball, was completed in late summer and officially opened for play on September 21st.

Established in 1976, by St. Joseph businessman, Jack Kinney and friends, the club

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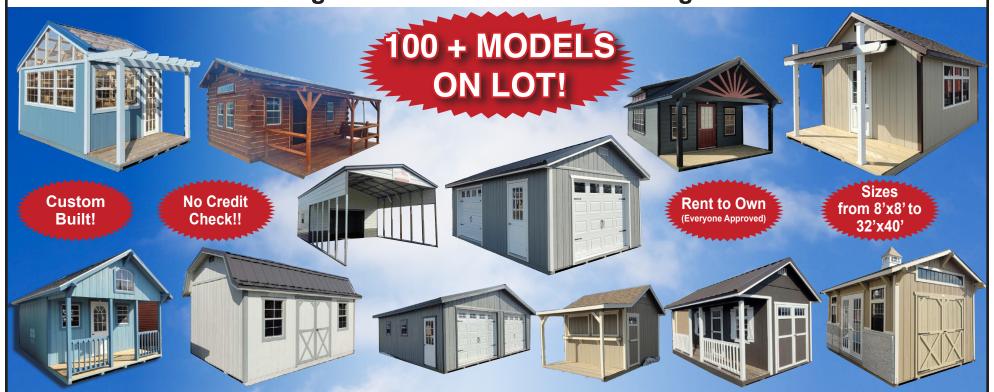
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Today, Jack's granddaughter, **Sarah Lancaster**, and her husband **Jake**, proudly represent the third generation of ownership at South Shore, having acquired the property from Sarah's parents, **Jackie and Tony Monte**. Their deep understanding of the community's needs and their members' preferences was the driving force behind this latest expansion. So much so that they are the first fitness center owners in Southwest Michigan to add dedicated indoor Pickleball courts, the \$2 million addition includes eight courts and a lounge area and bar.

Additional local support for the project came from **Pearson Construction** of Benton Harbor, **Beaudoin Electrical Construction** in Sodus, **Cornerstone Alliance**, **TMPR** in Buchanan, and **St. Joseph Charter Township**.

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Having recently completed a nearly \$2 million dollar investment into the community to construct a new headquarter office, which will serve as the central hub for Monte's administrative and managerial offices, the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber will host a special ribbon cutting ceremony for the new 6,500-square-foot space at 3810 Riverside Rd on Wednesday, October 9th at 4:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to join and celebrate the growth and continued success of Monte Package Company as they cement their legacy in Southwest Michigan.

We hope that you'll be able to join us for one, two, or all of these exciting events. Remember, great things are happening in Southwest Michigan! Interested in learning more? Visit our website at <a href="mailto:smrchamber.com">smrchamber.com</a> or reach out to me directly: <a href="mailto:sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com">sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com</a> or 269-932-4040.





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SIEMANS DISCOUNT..... 445 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH\*\*.....- 2,000 **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$36,995** 

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### 2024 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

Rapid Red, Heated Front Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Liftgate, Remote Start, Wireless Charging Pad, Panoramic Vista Roof, 18 Inch Bright Machined Aluminum Wheels, and Much More! F24029

MSRP. .....\$45,245 SIEMANS DISCOUNT...... 1,250 TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH\*\* - 1,500 TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH\*\* - 750 **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$41,745** 

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# **2024 FORD RANGER 4X4 CREW CAB XLT**

Oxford White, Power Sliding Rear Window, Trailer Tow Package, Integrated Box Side Step, Sport Appearance Package, Locking Rear Differential, Navigation, and Much More! F24223

MSRP.....\$43,960 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 965

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### **2024 FORD** TRANSIT CARGO VAN

Oxford White, Cloth Seats, Limited Slip Rear Axle, Driver Seat Only, Fixed Rear Door Glass, Tie Down Cargo Hooks, Trailer Tow Package, SYNC 3, Running Boards, and Much More! F24123

MSRP... .....\$52,495 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 2,500

## **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$49,995**

VAN CONQUEST CASH\*.....- 1,500 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION EXCLUSIVE CASH\* - 500

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2023 FORD F-150

### **SUPERCREW XLT 4X4**

Avalanche, 3.5 Ecoboost V6 Engine, Integrated Trail-

er Brake Controller, Locking Rear Axle, 36 Gallon

Fuel Tank, Partitioned Lockable Storage, Remote

Start, Heated Front Seats, and Much More! F23269



### **2023 FORD BRONCO ADVANCED 4X4 BADLANDS**

Hot Pepper Red, Leather/Vinyl Seats, 2.7 V6 Engine, 360 Degree Camera, Sasquatch Package, Gray Hardtop, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, 12 Inch Touchscreen, and Much More! F23312

MSRP\$65	,840
SIEMANS DISCOUNT 3	
RETAIL BONUS CASH**	,000
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JEEP COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH* -	2,000
MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION EXCLUSIVE CASH	- 500

AS LOW AS \$58,995

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Darkened Bronze, 7.3 V8 Engine, Black Appearance Package, Power Sliding Rear Window, Heated Front Seats, 360 Degree Camera Package, Remote Start, Reverse Sensing System, B&O Sound System, PowerScope Trailer Tow Mirrors, 20 Inch High Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, Locking Rear Axle, and Much More! F24053

MSRP ......\$67*.*585 SIEMANS DISCOUNT...... 3,090 RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH\*\*.....- 2,000 **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$62,495** MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION EXCLUSIVE CASH\* - 500

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2.9% FOR 48 MONTHS, 3.9% FOR 60 MONTHS, or 4.9% FOR 72 MONTHS

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Based Upon Rebates Thru 09/30/2024



### 2024 FORD F-650 **24 FOOT BOX TRUCK**

Oxford White, 7.3 V8 Engine, Wabash Aluminum Box, 60 Gallon Fuel Tank, Power Windows and Locks, Remote Keyless Entry, and Much More! F24021

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# 2023 DODGE HORNET GT ALLWHIEL DRIVE

Blue Bayou, Uconnect 5 With 10 Inch Screen, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Full Speed Forward Collision Warning, Lane Keep Assist, Rear Park Assist, Adaptive Speed Control, and Much More!

MSRP.....\$32,825

SIEMANS DISCOUNT...- 5,830

**AS LOW AS** 26,995



Billet Silver, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Front Collision Warning, Active Lane Management, 10 Inch Touchscreen Display, and Much More! C24018

MSRP\$34,635
SIEMANS DISCOUNT 640
JEEP BONUS CASH COUPON 1,000
NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH - 500
RETAIL BONUS CASH 2,500
SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH - 2,000
<b>SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$27,995</b>
SFS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH* - 1,500

MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500 AS LOW AS \$25,995

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Silver Zynith, 20 Inch Black Wheels, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Liftgate, Remote Start, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Adaptive Cruise Control, Full Speed Collision Warning, and Much More! C24085

MSRP\$	48,675
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	685
JEEP BONUS CASH COUPON	2,000
RETAIL BONUS CASH	2,500
GREAT LAKES BC BONUS CASH**	500
<b>SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$4</b>	2,990

SFS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH \* - 2,000 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH \* - 500

AS LOW AS \$40,490

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RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY)

BASED ON REBATES THROUGH 09/30/2024



Bright White, S Appearance Package, Dual Panel Sunroof, 20 Inch Wheels, Power Liftgate, Power Sliding Doors, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Departure Warning, Parksense Rear Park Assist, Remote Start, 10 Inch Touchscreen, and Much More! C24122

MSRP.....\$48,485 SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....-RETAIL BONUS CASH.....- 2,000 NATIONAL SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH - 1,190 CHRYSLER BONUS CASH COUPON - 1,500

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$42,995** MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

AS LOW AS \$42,495 (\*MUST OUALIFY)

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Diamond Black Crystal, Cloth Bucket Seats, Night Edition, 20 Inch Black Aluminum Wheels, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Remote Start, Rear Power Sliding Window, Power Seat, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated Front Seats, Navigation, 12 Inch Touchscreen, Parksense Front and Rear Park Assist, and Much

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 3,625 RAM BONUS CASH COUPON...... 2,000 NATIONAL 15% OFF CONSUMER CASH - 8,342

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$41,648** SFS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH\* - 2,000 MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

AS LOW AS \$39,148

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BASED ON REBATES THROUGH 09/30/2024

More! C24005

JEEP BONUS CASH COUPON...... 2,000 BONUS CASH...... 3,000 **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$48,495** MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH \* - 500

Hydro Blue Pearl, 3.6 V6 Engine, Black 3 Piece Hard-

top, Automatic Transmission, Heated Front Seats,

Heated Steering Wheel, Remote Start, and Much

More! C24089

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 2,980

AS LOW AS \$47,995

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er Tow Group, 5.7 HEMI V8 Engine, Wheel to Wheel Side Steps, Dual Pane Panoramic Sunroof, 20 Inch Premium Painted/Polished Wheels, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Navigation with 12 Inch Touchscreen, Heated First and Second Row Seats, Wireless Charging Pad, 19 Speaker Harman Kardon Premium Sound, Power Tailgate Release, Heated Steering Wheel, and Much More! C24059

SIEMANS DISCOUNT.....- 5,815 RAM BONUS CASH COUPON...... 2,000 NATIONAL 15% OFF CONSUMER CASH - 11,297 **SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$56,203** SFS LEASE LOYALTY BONUS CASH\* - 2,000

MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500

AS LOW AS \$53,703

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Granite Crystal, Leather Heated Seats, Night Edition, 6.7 Cummins Turbo DIESEL Engine, Power Sunroof, Wheel-to-Wheel Sidesteps, 20 Inch Black Wheels, Navigation with 12 Inch Screen, Sport Performance Hood, Anti Spin Rear Axle, Heated Seats, 17 Harman Kardan Speakers, Wireless Charging Pad, and Much More! C24004

MSRP.....\$86,875 SIEMANS DISCOUNT...... 7,880 BONUS CASH.....- 1,000

**SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE \$77,995** 

MILITARY OR FIRST RESPONDER BONUS CASH\* - 500 AS LOW AS \$77,495

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Remote Keyless Entry System, Storm Blue Metallic, U24030B



3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 7K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Back-Up Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Sting-Gray, C24132A



1.5 Ecoboost Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 34K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Vista Poof, Wireless Charging Pad, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeging Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black Metallic, U24087



2.7 V6 Ecoboost Engine, 10 Speed Miles, Bedliner, Running Boards, Na YNC 4, Reverse Sensing System, Ba System, Ford Certified

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2.5 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 66K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front and Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Quartz White, C24001A



2.4 Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! White Clearcoat, U24069



2.3 Ecoboost Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2" Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moorroof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Driver Monitoring, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Rapid Red Metallic, U24082

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2.0 Ecoboost Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Panoramic Vista Roof, Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Evasion Assist, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Fond Certified! Rapid Red Metallic, U24107



2.0 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2<sup>rd</sup> Row Heated Seats, Panoramic Vista Roof, Dual Zone Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Infinite Black, U24109



5.0 V8 Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Ebony 10K Miles! Remote Start, Black Accent Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Front Collisio Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System,



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! Agate Black, U24098

2.0 Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated

Front Seats, Power Sunroof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Bilnd Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System,

Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum White Pearl, U24096

3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 133K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver' Seat, Leather/Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Sunroof, Rear Parking Aid, Rear Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera Power Liftgate, Bright White, U24079A



5.7 V8 HEMI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 76K Miles, Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Diamond Black Crystal Pearlcoat, C24114A



1.5 Ecoboost Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 90K Miles, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Carbonized Gray Metallic, U24061B



2.0 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Moab Black Aluminum Wheels, Only 22K Miles! Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Touchscreen Display, Security Alarm, Anti-Spin Rear Axle, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Hellayella Clearcoat, U24067



2.3 Ecoboost Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 20K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Twin Panel Moonroof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Evasive Steering Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black Metallic, U24094

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Black Painted Aluminum Wheels, Less Thai Package, Power Front Seats, Blind Spot n Mitigation, Reverse Park Assist, Back-Up Ford Certified! Shadow Black, U24075A



Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Front and Rear Park Assist, Back-Up Camera, Anti-Spin Differential

Rear Axle, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Bright White, C24173A



2.7 V6 Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 172K Miles, Pick-Up Bed Cap, Running Boards, XLT Sport Appearance Package Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Magnetic, F24168Å



3.6 V6 Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 46K Miles! Black 3-Piece Hard Top, CD-Player, Cruise Control, Black Clearcoat, S24004A

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3.5 V6 Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 160K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Front Seats, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Blue Jeans Metallic, C24107A



3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Alumirum Wheels, 22K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memony Power eather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monito Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front and Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty, Silver Zynith, M25007Å



3.6 V6 Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, Power Sunroof, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Walnut Brown Metallic, C24131A



2.0 Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 105K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Climate Control, CD Player, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Powe Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Blue Jeans Metallic, F24033A

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3.6 V6 Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Alurninum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2<sup>10</sup> Row Heated Seats, DVD Entertainment System Dirnate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Bright White, U24102A



2.5 Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 83K Miles! Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Sunroof, CD-Player, Power Windows and Locks, Keyless Entry System, Ice Silver Metallic, M24019A



2.4 Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 88K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Collision Mitigation, Rear Parking Aid, Back-Up Camera, Power Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Diamond Black Crystal, C24149A



3.5 Ecoboost No Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Pemote Start, Nevingation, SYNC 3. Memory Power Leather Heated AK.
Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, 27º Bow Heated Captain's Chains, Paramanic Nate Broot, 360 Degree Camera System,
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Sensing System, Hards-Free Liligate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Front Centified Augate Black Netatic, P.25010A



1.6 Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 131K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, CD-Player, SYNC, Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Sunset Metallic, U24084A



1.5 Engine, 1 Speed CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Power Windows and Locks, Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Front Collision Mitigation, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entr System, Balance of Factory Powertrain Warranty! Platinum White Pearl, M24040A



2.0 Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Navigation, Pown Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Sunroof, Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross-Traffic Alert, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Diamond White, U24114



 1.5 Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 104K Miles, Power Front Seats, Climate Control, Back-Up Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Deep Impact Blue, U24113A



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"CASA of SWMI recognizes that our volunteers go above and beyond a traditional volunteer role," said Kate Rendell, CASA executive director. "We feel it is our responsibility to them to provide them and our staff with the best training, tools and skills to navigate the tough situations and subject matter they are exposed to.

This means reduction in work-related stress and anxiety, which often relates to improved physical health, sleep quality and work-life balance, as well as boosting confidence, job performance and retention.

Last year, 50 trained volunteers served 158 abused and neglected children in the foster care system by learning their stories and advocating for their best interest in the courtroom and meetings.

Carolyn's Kids

The Carolyn's Kids grant program awarded a total of \$140,000 in grants to support the needs of children.

With their \$50.000 Carolyn's Kids grant. Tri County Head Start (now Flowers Early Learning) will transform their current play area into a nature-inspired playground that includes water features, garden, slide, drums, tree house, trike track and much more. Tri County Head Start said science suggests children learn best when all their senses are engaged, and natural playgrounds are innovative, exciting, educational and provide a multi-sensory experience.

Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Michigan

received a \$50,000 Carolyn's Kids grant to support the career training and exploration program – Workforce Development Framework – for K-12 students.

This program ensures that all club members have the skills, knowledge and self-awareness they need to plan and build a viable career. Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Michigan club members explore and match possible careers with their strengths; they develop social and emotional skills and, for the older children, provide work-based learning experiences.







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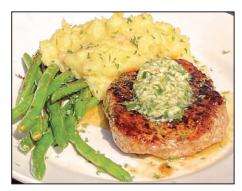
# Seasonal Chef Specials



**Home-Made Buck Meatloaf** Freshly made tri-blend meatloaf served with home-made Yukon mashed potatoes, green beans and a horseradish demi-glaze. \$23



Grilled Raspberry Chicken Grilled twin chicken breasts topped with our house specialty raspberry jalapeno jam, goat cheese and home-made Yukon mashed potatoes and green beans. \$21



Pork Steak Ribeye Seared boneless pork ribeye chop topped with garlic jalapeno cilantro butter home-made Yukon mashed potatoes and green beans.

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# **Harvest Salad**

Mix greens with grilled chicken broccoli, Brussels sprouts. bacon, red onion, dried cranberries and walnuts, tossed with a creamy dressing. \$17

### **Italian Beef Sandwich**

Slow roasted beef, grilled onions, provolone cheese, giardiniera on Italian roll, served with housemade chips and a pickle spear. \$18

### Steak Fajita Wrap

Loaded with State Street Meats' very own steak failta mix, rolled up with corn, pico de gallo, and shredded cheese. Served with house-made chips. \$16

# **Burger of the Month Basket**

Horseradish Encrusted

Salmon

Oven roasted horseradish

encrusted salmon drizzled with

champagne vinaigrette dressing,

home-made Yukon mashed

potatoes and green beans. \$26

Each month, Chef creates a unique twist on the hamburger. Ask your server about the current Burger of the Month! \$16

First Congregational Church UCC Saint Joseph's Bear Packs weekend meals program received a \$40,000 Carolyn's Kids grant to address food insecurity and childhood literacy in Saint Joseph Public School students. Funds will help over two years to purchase food, books and supplies to continue to provide supplemental weekend nourishment to Saint Joseph Public School elementary students and Logan Autism Learning Center families in need. With this grant funding, they will also expand to serve Upton Middle School and Saint Joseph High School students.

The Stephen E. Upton Love Your Community Grant

Emerge Innovation Hub received the \$50,000 Stephen E. Upton Love Your Community Grant to support their Catalyst Project; to empower minority business owners to scale their companies. This project focuses on business owners who create items that are consumed in everyday life.

The Love Your Community Grant is presented each year to a Berrien County nonprofit organization that addresses a crucial community need and makes a positive impact in the lives of Berrien County residents.

According to Emerge Innovation Hub, the consumer-packaged goods industry in Berrien County is highly competitive. Faced with a competitive market, minority business owners and entrepreneurs often have few resources and economic limits. These problems make it harder for entrepreneurs and business owners to launch and run companies that will generate revenues. The Catalyst Project was created to provide tools and resources they need to start companies.

### Golden Acorn Volunteer Awards

Berrien Community Foundation honored two community members with **the Golden Acorn Volunteer Award.** Each recipient receives \$1,000 to direct to the nonprofit organization of their choice.

Berrien Springs High School student

Steven Thames received the BCF Golden Acorn

Volunteer Award after spending countless hours
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school supplies from location to location; and frequently hauled, counted, loaded and unloaded backpacks and other school supplies.

Nancy Teutsch was also awarded a Golden Acorn Volunteer Award as the leader of the Pink Hat Ladies who work constantly to improve the lives of those in Coloma. The Pink Hat Ladies — who wear pink and are 30+ women strong — fundraise for local causes such as: splash pad, Hope Resources, Readiness Center and Coloma Trunk or Treat. Teutsch is known to be a "communicator extraordinaire" who sends out daily emails that include group information and a thought for the day or a fun quote.

Golden Acorn Excellence Award
Berrien Community Foundation awarded
the 2024 Golden Acorn Award for Excellence
along with a check for \$13,000 to Neighbor By
Neighbor for their compassion and care for
senior citizens living in Harbor Country.
Neighbor By Neighbor got creative in helping
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--The Berrien Community Foundation provides grants and scholarships, and helps individuals develop funds and endowments focused on specific interests or agencies they feel are worthwhile to create their individual charitable legacy through life-end giving and estate planning. For information about BCF call (269) 983-3304 or visit www.berriencommunity.org.

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# **Dave Says** A"Heart Problem"

Dear Dave,

I'm pretty responsible with finances, but my girlfriend is in a bad situation with her money and her career. She has a huge car payment and lots of credit card debt. On top of this, it takes almost 40% of what she brings home each month just to pay rent, and she guit her job because she decided she didn't like it anymore. She's been floating lots of ideas, like filing bankruptcy or moving in with me. She thinks us living together will help her learn to be more responsible with her finances. I'm concerned that if she can't handle her finances on her own, what will happen if we move in together? Your advice would be appreciated.

Dan

Dear Dan,

I can't say if she's technically bankrupt at this point. But for starters, she definitely needs to sell the car and find a cheaper place to live. I'm also not sure how long you two have been seeing each other, but this is someone to keep dating, not marry or let move in.

The hard reality is that bankruptcy's not going to solve anything if she's got a heart problem. By "heart problem," I mean if she buys things thinking stuff will make her happy and living way beyond her means in the process.

Lots of folks mistakenly think they are where they live or what they drive. Those are the kinds of heart problems I'm talking about. And it's the way I was years ago before going broke knocked some sense into me. It wasn't until then I realized I had to make some serious changes in my life.

Don't get me wrong. What I've just said doesn't mean this lady's a bad person. It just means she's got some growing up to do. And all the money matters aside, you don't just up and quit your job without a solid plan in place unless there's a serious matter of principle at stake, or you're the victim of abuse or harassment. Leaving one job for another is fine. But the idea of suddenly deciding you just don't like something, then walking away from it when you've got a bunch of financial obligations, is just plain irresponsible. You don't jump off the dock until the boat arrives!

Again, I don't know all the details behind her finances, but chances are she's not bankrupt. There are some character issues in all this that need to be addressed, though. If it were me, I'd suggest she spend some time seeing a good financial counselor—one with the heart of a teacher. Then, you can act as her support system to help keep her on track, and encourage her to keep moving forward toward getting control of her money.

Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.







Iosh **Bishop** 

Pastor

# A Heart That Beams With Joy

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? Deuteronomy 4:6,7

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As God's people, past and present, live their lives, their hearts beam with joy, eager to share what we know to be true and eternally important. Following Jesus and his commands is not about a rigorous religious life trying to appease a harsh god. We don't serve out of fear. We live in the freedom of sins forgiven! Our joy comes from what God has done for us. Jesus drew near to humanity when he became truly human. He made known to us the true God and his salvation. He rescued us from sin

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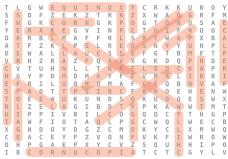


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Citizens wishing to comment on the proposed amendments may do so by attending the meeting and speaking under the public hearing section or by writing a letter and sending it to Christine

Fisher, City Clerk by email at cfisher@bridgman.org or by mail to 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106. This meeting is open to the public and this notice is posted in compliance with Open Meeting Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261, et seq., and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids should contact the City Clerk by writing or calling the following: Christine Fisher, City Clerk (269) 465-5144, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106. Notice is also given that the proposed amendment is available for public inspection on the city's website at www.bridgman.org and at City Hall.

Christine Fisher, City Clerk City of Bridgman

### **LEGALS**

# NOTICE OF REGISTRATION SODUS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 ELECTION

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

To the qualified electors of Sodus Township School District #5 in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any qualified

elector of the Sodus Township School District #5 who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their City/Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms may be obtained at their City/ Township Clerk's Office or at mi.gov/vote and

mailed to their City/Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration with their local clerk or at

www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is

### Monday, October 21, 2024.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elec tor may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL168.492) at their local City/ Township Clerk's office

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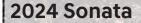
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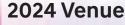
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\$239/Mo. 3-Year Low Mileage 10,000 Mile/Year Lease

new 2024 COROLLA LE

Per Mo.

Mo. Lease Due At Signing

Excludes applicable taxes & fees. No security deposit required.



new 2024 COROLLA

APR Financing Mos.8

-or- 6.49% APR for 72 Mos.

-or- 5.99% APR Financing on new 2024 Corolla Hybrid

# TACOMA

**2024 TACOMA** 



\$319/Mo. 3-Year Low Mileage 10,000 Mile/Year Lease

new 2024 TACOMA SR **DOUBLE CAB 4X4** 

**\$3299 Due At Signing** 



\$269/Mo. 3-Year Low Mileage 10,000 Mile/Year Lease

new 2024 COROLLA CROSS L

Per Mo.<sup>11</sup>

Mo. Lease

**Due At Signing** 

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**Every New Toyota Comes With ToyotaCare.**<sup>14</sup> 2-Year No Cost Maintenance Plan.

1. Tundra - Vehicle's projected resale value is specific to the 2024 model year. For more information, visit Kelley Blue Book's KBR.com. Kelley Blue Book is a registered trademark of Kelley Blue Book Co., Inc. 2. New 2024 Tundra SRS CrewMax 4x4 Model 8361. Lease based on net cap cost of \$46,779. Lease end purchase option \$35,754\* 3. Toyota vehicles and components are built using U.S. and globally sourced parts. 4. New 2024 Tundra Gas & Hybrid Models (Excludes RID Pro). 1.99%. APR for 48 Months with \$21.69 per \$1,000 borrowed OR 3.99% APR for 60 Months with \$18.41 borrowed OR 3.99% APR for 72 Months with \$15.64 per \$1,000 borrowed or 8.0 we 2024 Tundra Gas & Hybrid Models (Excludes RID Pro). 1.99%. APR for 67 Months with \$15.64 per \$1,000 borrowed or 8.0 we 2024 Tundra Gas & Hybrid Models (Excludes RID Pro). Customer Construction of the Composition of the C concasive wear useas of 11 toyour minancial services standards for normal use and for mileage in excess of 30,000 miles at the rate of \$0.15 per mile (10K low mileage leases). \$350 Disposition Fee is due at lease termination. "Subject to approved credit thru Toyota Financial Services. The 1+8 f only. See participating dealer for details. 2,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,&13: Must take retail delivery from new 2024 models in dealer stock while supply lasts between 9/4/24 and 9/30/24. Delays in new vehicle shipments not in the control of dealer may impact customer delivery date and



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