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Moody on The Market

Pat Moody

Chartreuse Gallery: an artist co-op in downtown St. Joseph

If you're looking for something uniquely Southwest Michigan, you might try Chartreuse Artist Gallery in downtown St. Joseph.

To be clear, Chartreuse is an art gallery operated by 19 artists within a 50-mile radius of the brick-and-mortar store. It is NOT a second-hand items store (apparently a popular misunderstanding of the marsupial word "reuse" hidden in Chartreuse).

Chartreuse Artist Gallery, a co-op art gallery in downtown St. Joseph, features the works of local artists and has been a community hub for art since its founding 18 years ago. The co-op group consists of artists living within a 50-mile radius who create a variety of original art through a variety of mediums including glass, paint, photography, wood, and fabric.

Each artist is brought into the co-op by applying and appearing before the Chartreuse membership committee for an interview. President of the gallery, May Schultz-Reed, told us how things work.

"We bring in that artwork if we decide that it's the quality to be here. We bring it to the membership, and everyone gets a vote. It's very transparent as far as who gets in, who doesn't, and why."

Of the current 19 artists who operate the co-op, all are from Southwest Michigan, hailing from Allegan, Eau Claire, Sodus, and St. Joseph. Each piece in the store is created by the artist and is unique.

"Most of it is one of a kind, not to say that we don't have greeting cards and photographs that are duplicates, because again, not everyone wants to spend three or four hundred dollars on an original, but they'd love a print. So, we have prints of their artwork and greeting cards as well, lots of greeting cards."

During operating hours, one of the 19 member/artists works behind the counter greeting customers who come in, answering guestions, and helping identify local contributors. If it's a slower day, you might even find the artist working on a project to put in the store for sale.

Schultz-Reed said with practically every work shift, new art is coming into the gallery.

"That's (the artist's) opportunity to bring in new work. Sometimes you can stop in and the art-

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Anna Murphy

President & CEO. United Wav of Southwest Michigan

Lifting Up ALICE: How United Way Is Building Hope and Resilience in Southwest Michigan

2024 has been challenging for many of us. It's been a time of uncertainty, with difficulties that have tested our resilience and our sense of community. But through it all, one thing remains true: when we come together to lift up those in need, we create hope and possibility.

Right here in Southwest Michigan, there are neighbors facing the harsh reality of being just one personal crisis away from financial hardship. A car breaking down, an unexpected medical bill, or a cutback in work hours could push them into poverty.

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Those community members are a special designation of people we call **ALICE**, **A**sset-Limited, **I**ncome-**C**onstrained, **E**mployed persons, and they are the center of our work at United Way of Southwest Michigan. With your support, we can assist many in this vulnerable state and meet the challenges they face with dignity, support and direction. Working toward fewer people in the ALICE population designation means a stronger Southwest Michigan.

I am sharing our story with you today because we need your help to continue doing this important work in our communities. As you consider giving this holiday season, there are several reasons we hope you'll support United Way of Southwest Michigan:

- Effective Community Partnerships: We collaborate with local agencies, businesses, and government bodies to meet the unique needs of each community, leading to greater impact and sustainable change.
- Amplified Impact: Our collaborative spirit brings people together, making each contribution go further and reach broader.
- Your Impact Is Immediate: A portion of our funding helps United Way programs like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, 2-1-1 First Call for Help, VITA Free Tax Preparation, and our Volunteer United portal site and volunteer services events & project planning.
- Your Investment Matters: By investing in United Way, you're committing to a brighter future for everyone. You're helping build stronger, more resilient com-

- munities that can face the challenges of tomorrow
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See what your impact can do. Our website has new and inspiring Success Stories posted for you to read & watch. You can find them at uwsm.org/success-stories.

As mentioned above, United Way of Southwest Michigan is also home to several funded programs that need sustaining gifts to survive and continue serving the thousands of residents that use these resources each year. One of them is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: a great program that offers free books to area kids. **But this program is currently underfunded** and we cannot take any new students until we find more donors willing to help us sustain this wonderful program for the future.

It's easy to donate. You can scan the QR code below, visit **uwsm.org/donate**, or text **UnitedIsTheWay** to **41444**. Choose a one-time or recurring donation every month, quarter, or year. Whatever you give will be used wisely and appre-

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I thank you deeply for your consideration of our cause and hope





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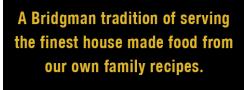




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Sarah Spoonholtz

Regional Director, SMR Chamber

Downtown Bridgman to Welcome Holiday Village December 14th

It is officially the most wonderful time of the year! With Thanksgiving here and gone, and the snow earlier this week for some of us, it has most of us thinking ahead to Christmas - but first Holiday Village! It is one of the signature events for the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber and Growth Alliance, and one that so many of us love attending and being part of each year.

In what can easily be described as a Norman Rockwell Christmas event, Bridgman's Holiday Village is set to transform downtown into a day of family fun on Saturday, December 14th. This event, which is organized and orchestrated by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber & Growth Alliance, an affiliate of the **Southwest** Michigan Regional Chamber, has been a holiday staple for residents and visitors to the community for years.

The full day of fun starts at 9:00 a.m. with Molly's Beach Walk Cafe offering a pancake and hot cocoa combo for \$10. At 10:00 a.m. downtown merchant activities that run throughout the day will begin. At 1:00 p.m. the wildly popular holiday pop-up market opens inside Immanuel Lutheran Church and School and will remain open until 5:00 p.m. Vendors will feature homegrown, homemade, and hand-crafted items perfect for last minute stocking stuffers, gifts, or as treats for vourself.

Other activities include the showing of the movie "Elf" at the Bridgman Public Library; Christmas Cardio Kickboxing with Lake Side Fit at their new Lake Street location; the Pet Parade at 3:00 p.m., free pet photos at Transient Artisan Ales; a Live Nativity at Immanuel Lutheran; caroling; and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, and SO MUCH MORE! I'm talking chili cookoff. an elf party, decorating Christmas cards for Veterans, face paintings, hot chocolate, hot beef sandwiches... you get the idea.

Based on the popularity of last year's "Frostina the Snowman" contest, where mer-

chants decorated planters throughout downtown, 2024's Holiday Village event will allow visitors to vote on their favorite decorated Christmas Tree, Located next to Transient Artisan Ales, the "tree walk" will host up to 10 different trees decorated by businesses in the Bridgman and Lake Township communities. Each tree will feature its own theme that is custom created by the sponsoring business. The winner will be announced immediately following the Christmas Tree lighting. Current participating businesses include Accents at Himalaya Textiles, Haymarket Taproom, Lake Side Fit, Paws to Wash, Petals by Classic, Transient Artisan Ales, and United Federal Credit Union.

At 6:00 p.m. attendees will gather around the brand new 18-foot Christmas tree, now located next to the "tree walk" for the official lighting ceremony hosted by Bridgman Mayor, Jan Trapani, and Lake Charter Township Supervisor, Zach Carson. The tree lighting will include caroling with the Miss Bridgman Court and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

New for 2024 is the Adult only Snowball Party from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Bridgman American Legion. The Snowball Party will allow adults an opportunity to enjoy music from DJ Frank, a cash only cash bar, and light appetizers from Classic Catering & Events. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Even if you're feeling quite Grinchy, Holiday Village is guaranteed to help grow your heart

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For more information on Holiday Village, including the most up-to-date list of activities and events, visit tinyurl.com/HolidayVillage2024 or search @BridgmanArea and @SMRChamber on Facebook or @BridgmanCGA on Instagram.

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December 1-23, Santa Series | Letters to Santa:

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December 7, Reindog Parade: 3:00pm, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **Mighty Dog Roofing and FuzzyButz**.

December 7-23, Santa Series | Santa's House:

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December 8, Holiday Artisan Fair: 11:00am-4:00pm, Union + Social. Sponsored by **Silver Harbor Brewing**.

December 10, 17, 24, Santa Series | Storytime with Mrs. Claus:

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January 31, 2025, Chili Tour: 5:00-8:00pm, downtown St. Joseph.

February 1, 2025, St. Joe Winter Beer Fest:

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February 7-9, 2025, Ice Fest: All Weekend, downtown St. Joseph. Sponsored by **Silver Beach Pizza** and **many others**.

March 7, 2025, March Mannequins: 7:00-8:30pm, downtown St. Joseph.

March 8, 2025, Spring Artisan Fair:

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Dear Dave.

My wife and I are currently on Baby Step 2 of your plan. We attend church regularly, and we've always made sure we tithed 10% to 15% in the past. Do you think it would be okay to lower our tithe while we're getting out of debt and working through our debt snowball?

Karl

Dear Karl,

When you look up the Hebrew word "tithe," it means tenth. Not 10 to 15 percent—a tenth. I've studied Scripture on this subject for about 25 years and taught in Christian settings. But please keep in mind you shouldn't do this because I gave you a "rule." I'm not the final authority on this. What we're about to get into comes from God.

In Proverbs, it refers to the tithe as first fruits, off the top, before anything else. The book of Deuteronomy says to give a tenth of your net increase. Centuries of protestant Christian teaching has focused on the idea that the tithe goes to the local church, because it's the New Testament representation of the Old Testament storehouse. The storehouse took care of the Levites, which were the priests—or pastors—and the orphans and widows. Today, the New Testament church is supposed to use it for the same kinds of things: pastor's salaries and helping people who are struggling.

Before we go any further, I want you to remember one thing. Tithing isn't a salvation issue. God doesn't love you more just because you tithe a larger amount than the person sitting next to you in church. God loves you. Period. You're His child, and He's going to love you even if you don't tithe. But He knows what tithing does for us. It makes us focus on something other than ourselves. Doing it makes us less selfish, and more selfless. It makes us a little more Christ-like. And he wants us to be giving and loving to the people around us.

Do you see what I'm saying, Karl? God doesn't need your money. He doesn't need my money. It was my choice decades ago when I hit bottom financially to continue tithing all the way into bankruptcy court and all the way out. But if someone literally can't afford to tithe for some reason-or can't hit 10% and still wants to attend and support a church— I'm pretty sure God understands.

Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a #1 national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, which is heard by more than 18 million listeners every week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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ist will actually be working on their art. Maybe it's kind of a slow day. Or they need to make art and so they're waiting on customers and then making art in between customers."

Schultz-Reed said the store's ultimate purpose is promoting local art and art activities in Southwest Michigan. She noted that what makes the shop so unique is all the artists come together collectively to make the gallery a presence in the community.

"We all are very vested in the success of the gallery. All of us work very, very hard to have new and creative work for the customers to buy. If you see something, you better snatch it up while it's here because the next time you come in, it's going to be gone."

Current featured artists at Chartreuse include Joel's Bowls, Catherine's Creations, Swan Lake Woodworking, and May's Stained Glass. Schultz-Reed said that the co-op does not permit more than two artists using the same medium to ensure variety in the gallery. For example, while two artists work with wood, they create different products. Joel's Bowls, crafted by Joel Mashke from Eau Claire, specializes in handturned wooden bowls. In contrast, Swan Lake Woodworking creates custom birdhouses that can feature animal designs.

Chartreuse Art Gallery is located at 304 State Street in downtown St. Joseph. The gallery is open to the public seven days a week except

www.MailMaxOnline.com for major holidays, from 11 am to 6 pm.

By Shawn Robinson, MOTM Contributor

St. Joe Winter Beer Fest Returns February 1, Tickets on Sale

While the holiday season is just getting underway across Southwest Michigan, St. Joseph Today is already heavily involved in planning one of downtown St. Joseph's biggest winter events, two months from now.

The 2024 St. Joe Winter Beer Fest takes place on Saturday, February 1 from 12:00 pm -4:00 pm, outdoors, under a big tent on the corner of Broad St. and Lake Blvd. in downtown St.

With available tickets limited to only 1,050, Paul Knapp, executive director of St. Joseph Today said ticket sales opened online Sunday. December 1. He said tickets usually sell out.

Ticket purchasers will have two ticket options again this year. A limited number of VIP tickets will be available (until 11:59p December 31) for \$75 and will include admission, a tasting cup, 15 tokens (one token per sample), 30-minute early access to the event, a 2025 Winter Beer Fest long sleeve t-shirt, entertainment courtesy of Sunset Coast DJ and winter comradery.

General Admission tickets will be available for \$40 and will include admission, a tasting cup, 12 tokens (one token per sample), entertainment courtesy of Sunset Coast DJ, and winter comradery. Festival attendees can order tickets online only at stjoetoday.com/beerfest.

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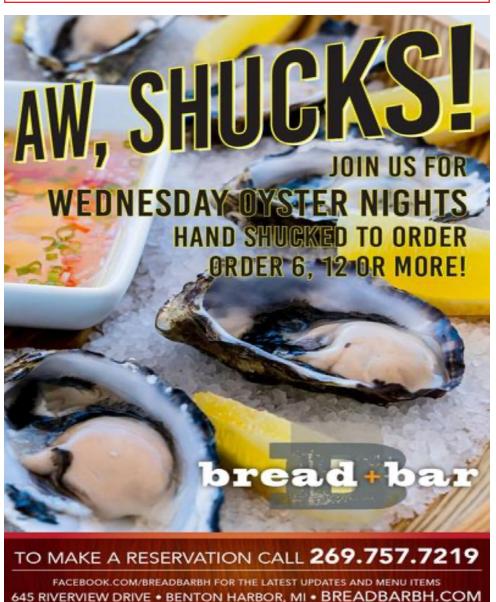




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Knapp expects that beer fans will be excited about the lineup of Michigan breweries planned for the festival. The 2024 event will feature twenty-one (21) breweries/cideries.

Breweries/cideries include but are not limited to:

Bell's Brewery, Blake's Hard Cider, Brew Detroit, Good Boy Vodka, Grand Armory Brewing Co., Haymarket Brewery, Lansing Brewing, Lazy Ballerina Winery (Hard Cider Only), New Belgium Brewing, North Pier Brewing Co., Peat's Cider, Petoskey Brewing, Right Brain Brewery, River Saint Joe Brewery, Round Barn Brewery, Saugatuck Brewing Co., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., The Livery, Upper Hand Brewery, and Watermark Brewing.

St. Joseph Today gave thanks in advance to sponsors Beaudoin Electrical Construction, RE/MAX by the Lake, The Buck Burgers & Brew, NOBO and Bud Distributing for their support of Winter Beer Fest and the community.

For more information on the St. Joe Winter Beer Fest, visit stjoetoday.com/beerfest.

Construction planned for Phase One of Lakeshore Trail next year; fundraiser planned

Construction on the first phase of the Lakeshore Trail is set to begin next year, and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is seeking to raise the last bit of funding needed.

The commission's Marcy Hamilton tells us this is the trail planned along M-63 that will connect several parks and beaches along Lake Michigan and to downtown Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

"It's going to start on Higman Park Road where it connects to the Harbor Shores trails, about seven miles of public trails there," Hamilton said. "Then it will go up along M-63."

Hamilton said backers of the Lakeshore Trail have more than \$3 million in federal, state, and local grants secured for the project. However, they still need about \$100,000 more. Funds are now being raised.

"We're looking to raise about \$100,000. And what's really cool is we had a local donor that offered to match one-to-one \$100,000. So, if you donate \$10, that turns into \$20."

As part of the effort, Hamilton said there will be a giveback night next Wednesday, December 11, at North Pier Brewing Company in Benton Harbor from 4 to 6 p.m. The brewery will donate \$2 of each pint purchased. They'll also hold a silent auction and offer appetizers. Everyone's invited.

Next year's Phase One of the Lakeshore Trail will connect St. Joseph and Benton Harbor to Jean Klock Park, Harbor Shores, Rocky Gap County Park, and the Whirlpool Mountain Bike Trails

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The weeks before Christmas are called Advent-a Latin word that means "coming." Advent invites us to wait-quietly and patiently for Jesus to come this Christmas. But do you know how hard it is to wait? Holiday times are hectic and stressful. We sing "Joy to the World," but family fighting, overspending, and physical exhaustion steal our joy and drain our love. When we get impatient or speak sarcastically, it shows our supply of love is running on

But what if God could give the kind of holiday love that increases your love and patience in the coming days before Christmas? Would that help as you wait? Would that make it easier for others to be around you? God wants to fill you up with his love. Every day before Christmas, we remember why we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth. His tiny hands and feet born at Christmas were the same hands and feet that died on the cross. Now, the living Jesus is the proof we need that "God will always love me!"

As you head into the first weekend of December, hear the voice of Advent encourage, "Wait, slow down a bit! Don't get entangled in the hustle and bustle of the season. Get focused instead on what really matters. It's Jesus." Love is God's gift to you. Christ's love makes it possible for our hearts to brim over with love and patience for others like our children or spouse, our siblings or coworkers, our friends and neighbors.

While you patiently wait for Christmas to come, pray that God would fill our hearts, souls, and minds that we want to share this love with someone who is empty inside and desperately in need of love. No outside love can fill that void. Only Jesus and his love can!

Prayer: Dear Lord, as I wait for your coming, supply what you know is lacking inside me. Deepen my faith and fill me with your love so that my love increases for you and for others.

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Folklore-dy! Czech Out My Dance Moves!

Believe it or not, we eventually left Prague to continue our Romantic Blue Danube vacation elsewhere. But NOT before we...danced in a Cezch folklore show!

Our final experience in Prague was dinner and a show at a restaurant that I believe was called U Marčanů. I don't know exactly what "U Marčanů" means, but I mention it because it marks the first time I've forced MailMax' spellcheck to deal with the letters č and ů!

The whole evening – three-course meal and unlimited wine and beer – was accompanied by a band which I learned is called Vonička. I learned this because they hawked their CD during the show, and for reasons specified below, I bought one.

The musicians were darn good, especially the bandleader, a woman who played a big instrument called a cimbalon, aka, a hammered dulcimer. (Side note: Some of the patrons at this show tried to grab the cotton-tipped sticks, aka hammers, to try their hand at it, but were shooed away, seein's as they were too hammered.)

A couple of numbers were also played on what I believe is called a shepherd's flute – but this one was gi-NORMOUS. It was taller than the dude who played it!

Eventually, after more than enough people had more than enough to drink, the band began hauling people out of the audience to participate. The first person chosen – my wife! She was given a wooden stick used to whack a rake – I don't mean the guy from the band who was flirting with her, but a garden rake.

Next, a handful of women were chosen to play washboards. My wife got picked for this as well. Although halfway through, all the ladies protested that no men got stuck playing washboards. I volunteered to play my washboard abs, but was politely turned down. And cut off from any more unlimited wine or beer.

Eventually the stage was cleared for a dance featuring the dulcimer player and a guy from the audience – me! We rehearsed right on stage, and I unintentionally provided comic relief by taking half-a-dozen tries to get the (very simple) gestures correct.

Anyway, this merriment continued up until the end of the show. I video'd much of this. And THAT'S why I bought Vonička's CD - now we can listen to the music and follow the dance steps on the videos as we celebrate our first annual Czech Folklore Christmas this year!

And now, as promised way back in paragraph one, we bid farewell to Prague!, and finally head to our ship. Which was docked a lengthy drive away in Linz, Austria.

On the way, we stopped at Cezky Krumlov, a town that is entirely a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's a lovely lovely place, and I may find a few words besides lovely to say about it in a future column. But I'll conclude here with a joke our guide Dom told as we drove:

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Financial assistance for this project was provided, in part, by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; the Legislature appropriated funds from the Recreation Passport Grant Program

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