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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody**

Corewell Health opens advanced heart failure clinic in SW Michigan

This week Corewell Health announced they have opened an advanced heart failure clinic in Southwest Michigan. The clinic is located at Corewell Health Lakeland Hospitals Heart & Vascular in Royalton.

The clinic will be open two Thursdays each month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with plans to treat about 25 patients per month or potentially 300 annually. The team will monitor the volume and increase capacity depending on demand.

According to the announcement, previously, patients had to drive from Southwest Michigan to Grand Rapids to receive advanced heart failure treatment.

"This is a strategic step of integrating advanced services within the care that's available at Corewell Health in Southwest Michigan," said Michael Dickinson, M.D., the former heart failure program director for Corewell Health in West Michigan.

"So that we can lead to that vision, that if you walk in the door and 'Corewell Health' is on the building, you can be confident that the care you're getting is highly sophisticated and that we're going to figure out what you need and be able to deliver it for you."

The health provider says the new clinic allows patients to get their initial evaluation, a physical exam, and consult at 3950 Hollywood Road, Suite 110, in St Joseph.

"There is a growing need for advanced heart failure services in our region," said J.P. Markovic, M.D., cardiologist, Corewell Health in Southwest Michigan. "Embedding this subspecialty in a program that is already recognized for its heart and vascular care enables us to bring the full array of tools in our arsenal to improve the health of patients in our communities."



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Zack **East**

Senior Director of Organizational Sustainability, United Way of Southwest Michigan

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Needs Your Help to Keep Books in the Hands of Southwest Michigan Children

This weekend ushers in the month of March, and with it, the beginning of National Reading Month. There's no better time for us as a community to concentrate our efforts on early childhood education and the positive growth a good children's book can have. That's why United Way of Southwest Michigan is inviting you to assist us in sustaining the work of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides books free of charge to all children under the age of 5 and their families, regard-*Continued on page 2*

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less of income. However, the cost for United Way to provide this program is close to \$35 per child per year. Currently, nearly 5,300 children are enrolled in the program in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties.

To sustain our current child enrollment in the program, we need approximately \$185,000 annually. To begin allowing new enrollees, the program needs at least \$250,000 annually. While many sponsorships and grants from area foundations have been secured for this program, there is still a gap in funding because of its immense popularity among families.

"Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has been one of United Way's most beloved programs in our community for years," states United Way of Southwest Michigan President & CEO Anna Murphy. "United Way is confident that its many supporters—including those individuals and families who have benefited from it—will rally behind this fundraising effort and contribute to ensure this program will continue to serve as many children and families in Southwest Michigan as possible."

Besides the joy a child gets from receiving a book every month in the mail, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is important to Southwest Michigan because nearly **60% of third graders** in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties **are not meeting reading proficiency. 75% of children** who are poor readers in third grade **will be poor readers in high school.** Many of these children will struggle or eventually drop out of school.

In order for children to possess the proper reading skills in third grade, efforts at

developing literacy abilities need to begin much sooner. Research shows that the learning environment at home, even from the very birth of a child, has a tremendous impact on the short-term and long-term reading capability of a child. If children adopt early reading habits at a young age with the assistance of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, we sincerely hope to change these statistics and better prepare our children for the future.

Won't you help us close the funding gap for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? It's easy to contribute. Visit uwsm.org/DPIL, scan

the code or text Give2DPIL to 41444. Any amount helps.

Without the help of our current sustainability partners, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

would not be possible in our community! A big thank you to our series sponsors Silver Beach Pizza, Michigan Works Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren, and Gast Manufacturing. Additional integral partners to the program include: Great Start Collaborative of Berrien County (Berrien RESA), Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District (Cass County), Van Buren Intermediate School District, Midwest Energy & Communications, A Gift from Sally Esman (via Kalamazoo Community Foundation), The Pokagon Fund, Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, The McLoughlin Family Foundation, Jerry & Terry French, The Wood Foundation, The Leighton Foundation, The Edward & Irma Hunter Foundation, The De Groot Family Foundation,

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Josh **Bishop** Pastor

The Thorns of Life

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 2 Corinthians 12:7

Thorns come in all varieties. We all have them. Thorns can be health-related: things like anxiety or physical handicap. Maybe it is a problem at work that we can't seem to solve. It could be an acquaintance who relentlessly and mercilessly mocks us for our faith. Perhaps it is guilt from a past sin.

Whatever the form they take, thorns are a problem. They are unwanted and unwelcome in our lives. And they often come seemingly out of nowhere. It is so easy in this life to cruise along feeling safe and secure in who we are. But then thorns come along, and we are tempted to be offended or to get angry. We get upset that God would allow something bad to happen when life was going so well. We get angry that our plans are now interrupted by this unwelcome issue. We despair and wonder, "Why me?"

The apostle Paul took a different approach to thorns. He viewed his thorn as a good thing. In humility rather than pride, he realized he wasn't perfect and should expect trouble like everyone else. He didn't presume to be better than others and instead admitted that he couldn't do this on his own. He needed help. So do we.

Thankfully, we have help. His name is Jesus, and he knew all about what it was to have a thorn in his side. In fact, we were that thorn. Our sin, rebellion, and unbelief plagued him and weighed him down. The burden of our sin was certainly something he didn't deserve and did not have to carry. But rather than complain, despair, or feel sorry for himself, Jesus humbly took up the cross and died for us. He has set us free from sin and given us the gift of eternal life in heaven. This same Jesus will give you strength to endure the thorns of this life Prayer: Dear Jesus, my sin was a thorn in your side. Thank you for setting me free. Give me strength to bear with the thorns in my own life. Amen.

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Tyler Allen Comfort Advisor **Boss Services**

Don't Overlook Your Sump Pump

As winter transitions into spring, homeowners must prepare for the challenges that come with heavy rainfall and melting snow. One crucial task that often gets overlooked is checking your sump pump. A functioning sump pump can be the difference between a dry basement and costly water damage.

Why is it important? Sump pumps help prevent flooding by directing excess water away from your home's foundation. During periods of heavy rain or rapid snowmelt, the ground becomes saturated, and water can seep into basements, causing damage to flooring, walls, and stored belongings. Without a properly working sump pump, homeowners risk facing expensive repairs and potential mold growth.

How to Check Your Sump Pump Ensuring your sump pump is ready for the season requires a few simple steps:

1.Inspect the Power Source: Confirm that your sump pump is plugged into a working outlet. If your pump has a backup battery, make sure it is fully charged and functional in case of a power outage.

2.Clear Debris: Remove any dirt, gravel, or debris from the sump pit to prevent blockages. A clogged pump can fail when you need it most

3.Test the Pump: Pour a bucket of water into the sump pit. The pump should activate automatically, drain the water, and shut off.

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If it does not function properly, it may need repairs or replacement.

4.Check the Discharge Line: Ensure the pipe carrying water away from your home is free from obstructions, such as ice, leaves, or dirt. Water should flow freely without backing up

5.Listen for Unusual Noises: A sump pump that makes grinding or rattling sounds may have worn-out parts that need attention.

6.Schedule Regular Maintenance: Even if your sump pump appears to be working fine, scheduling annual maintenance with a professional can help identify potential issues before they become serious problems.

Signs of a Failing Sump Pump Recognizing the warning signs of a failing sump pump can save homeowners from unexpected flooding. Signs include:

• The pump runs continuously, even in dry conditions.

• The pump fails to turn on when water enters the pit.

• Unusual noises, such as clanking or rattling.

• Visible rust or corrosion on the pump components.

· Water remains in the sump pit and does not drain properly.

Be Proactive Taking the time to check your sump pump now can prevent costly water damage later. If you discover any issues, addressing them before the next heavy rainfall or thaw is essential. Installing a sump pump alarm or a backup system can provide added peace of mind.

As spring approaches, don't let a malfunctioning sump pump catch you off guard. A few preventative measures today can save thousands of dollars in potential repairs tomorrow.

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Announcing The Heart of Southwest Michigan Winner

The Aesthetics Lounge and Spa, in collaboration with MailMax, is thrilled to announce Gloria Ender as the winner of the inaugural Heart of Southwest Michigan initiative!



individuals who make a meaningful impact in Southwest Michigan. After receiving an overwhelming number of heartfelt nominations our selection

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committee faced a difficult decision. Each nominee had a powerful story, but one stood out as a true embodiment of generosity and service

Nominated by her husband, Erik, Gloria Ender was chosen for her unwavering dedication to her business and community. As President of Freedom Finishing in Benton

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www.MailMaxOnline.com Harbor-a powder coating business in operation since 1988-her leadership has been instrumental in its success. Beyond her business acumen, Gloria has devoted herself to serving organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club, Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Curious Kids Museum, Berrien Community Foundation, and Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce.

Her remarkable contributions have earned her prestigious accolades, including the Lake Michigan College Alumni Service Award, Clarence Beckwith Distinguished Alumni Award, Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award, and the Merlin Hanson Exemplary Business Leader Award. Additionally, she was named Volunteer of the Year during the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, a testament to her dedication-even under the most challenging circumstances.

To honor her selfless service, Gloria will receive a well-deserved transformation in excess of \$10,000, including personalized aesthetic treatments and skincare products to enhance her natural beauty.

This is our way of saying thank you for the countless ways she has uplifted our community. Please join us in celebrating Gloria Ender, a true reflection of the Heart of Southwest Michigan!

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Southwest Michigan communities receiving 2024 marijuana tax revenues

The Michigan Department of Treasury is issuing the latest round of marijuana tax revenue to communities throughout the state that allow such businesses, and those dollars really add up.

According to Treasury, Berrien County is receiving more than \$1.5 million in marijuana revenue for the year, while communities throughout are also being paid. The county's top municipalities for marijuana dollars are Niles with \$407,000, New Buffalo Township with \$349,000, Buchanan with \$349,000, and Benton Harbor with \$232,000.

Buchanan City Manager Tony McGhee tells us the city was among the first in Michigan to join the marijuana bandwagon when those businesses were first allowed, and since, marijuana has been a consistent revenue source. So, how does the city use that money?

"Last year's marijuana money was used for a combination of infrastructure projects here in the community as well as parks projects," McGhee said. "We're doing some work around the riverfront right now that's been able to support that."

We noticed the three biggest recipients of marijuana revenue in the county are all close to the state line with Indiana, where marijuana remains illegal. McGhee says it's true the town has been revitalized partially by all of those Hoosiers who head north of the border. They stop at restaurants and browse shops just like anyone else.

At the county level, Berrien County Administrator Brian Dissette tells us most of the marijuana money has just gone into the General Fund, but the county did make one large purchase with those taxes. The sheriff's department's \$800,000 remote command vehicle was purchased with those funds in 2022. He says the county must be thoughtful about using marijuana dollars.

"On a year-by-year basis, we'll get requests that only certain communities are participating in the marijuana zoning allowance, so should those communities get special treatment or greater investments? The logic with the first usage of the dollars was with a mobile command vehicle, it can go anywhere in the county," Dissette said.

Dissette says that way, the entire county can be served equally by the marijuana money, and not just areas that allow pot shops. However, both McGhee and Dissette tell us government leaders are talking about how to adjust as the marijuana market settles and those dollars start to fall.

BOSS Services adjusts strategy; lists showroom property for sale

One of the major players in the heating and air conditioning business in Michigan's Great Southwest is realigning its strategy a bit, no longer seeing the need for a "showroom" facility in the heart of the Benton Township retail district.

Boss Services has listed its highly visible headquarters office and warehouse building at 2188 M-139 "For Sale."

Boss Services co-owner Jeff Street told MoodyOnTheMarket.com that their needs have changed:

"Since we changed suppliers from an outof-town vendor to a local vendor, we no longer have a need for the large warehouse space we needed a couple years ago. When we stopped doing plumbing in 2023, we downsized our office staff, so we no longer need all the office space we have either. Right now, the commercial property market is starting to pick up, so it

just makes sense to sell the building and move into a smaller space that fits our needs. A small*er space will significantly lower our occupancy* expenses and allow us to keep our prices as low as possible. We are not sure where we are moving to yet, we have not found a space. Wherever we end up, we will continue to serve Southwest Michigan at the highest level for years to come."

The Boss facility on M-139 is about 20 years old, having been built as a motorcycle, four-wheeler and personal watercraft dealership. It features a lot of wide open, flexible space and huge windows, plus warehouse and shop space in the rear.

The real estate listing describes it this way:

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The move by Boss Services underlines the importance of flexibility in today's chang-

March 1, 2025 MailMax Page 5 ing business environment, whether in facilities, location, product line or personnel. MoodyOnTheMarket.com is interested in how businesses in the region are adjusting their strategies for 2025 and beyond.

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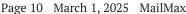


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Ramsey Financial Expert The Ramsey Show

Dave Says (Help, Don't Enable)

Dear Dave,

We've been following your plan, and it's been a real blessing to us. Last week, my mother-in-law told my wife they haven't paid their property taxes. They owe \$5,000, which was originally due in January, but she didn't say why they hadn't paid the bill. I love my in-laws. They're good people, but they're big spenders-and in my mind-a little irresponsible with their money sometimes. We make a good living, and we could help them out. But my wife and I have talked, and we're both afraid this situation may be just the tip of the iceberg. Can you give me some advice?

Bill Dear Bill.

My best advice is this. First of all, you shouldn't do anything. This is a really touchy situation. You and your wife definitely need to be on the same page about how you want to handle things. But your wife should be the one to address this, because she's their child. The last thing you need is to be labeled as the nosey or stingy son-in-law.

Believe me, I understand and respect your position. And I agree with the notion you two don't want to enable any bad habits. But this is family we're talking about. You and your wife should try to find a way to help them if they really need help. If that includes some kind of guidance or counsel, that's fine. If it means giving money, make certain you know exactly where it's going, and why it became an issue in the first place. I mean, when you give someone \$5,000 to help with a problem, you automatically earn the right to have a say in exactly how the money's going to be used.

Maybe your wife could go over to their house for a visit and just talk about things. In the process, she might learn some details on the situation that would help you guys make a better, more informed decision on moving forward. Chances are her mom and dad didn't raise her to have dessert first, then eat her vegetables. But in a sense, it sounds like that might be what they're doing.

Long story, short? They need to pay their property taxes now. It sounds like they've got the money to take care of what needs to be done and have some fun. But if they don't, some kind of course correction needs to happen. And I mean soon! Otherwise, they're liable to see their financial dignity slip away. – 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.



Don **Stuart**

Humorist

February's Hottest **AND Chili-est Day!**

I recently watched for the first time the 1955 film "Giant," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson and James Dean. It also featured Mercedes McCambridge, and I learned something I never knew before from the host of Turner Classic Movies who "introduced" the movie: DON'T pronounce her first name "murr-SAY-dees"; it's MURR-suh-dees

Chill Wills was also in the film. There's a name for ya. He was born Theodore Childress Wills, so it makes sense that "Chill" was probably a shortened version of his middle moniker. But another story has it that he got the nickname ironically, having been born on July 18, which was the hottest day of 1902 in his town.

Anyway, like pretty much every one of you, I'm sure, when I hear Chill Wills' name, I immediately start hankerin' for a bowl of chili. And we should especially make sure to eat some on the fourth Thursday of every February, because that is National Chili Day!

Time to spend the rest of this column stuffing you with chili factoids!:

The internet sayeth that "most historians agree" that a guy named J.C. Clopper penned the first written description in 1828, after visiting San Antonio. He wrote, saying he ate a "kind of hash with nearly as many peppers as there are pieces of meat -- all stewed together." "Most historians" also concur that chili consciousness got a huge boost when it was served at the San Antonio booth at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, after which chili parlors started popping up all over. From these facts we can readily discern that future chili historians won't have very much work to do.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was a big chili lover. He had a favorite version which his wife Lady Bird sent via postcard by the thousands to people asking for the recipe. Johnson once said, "Chili concocted outside of Texas is usually a weak, apologetic imitation of the real thing." Hey, a job for future chili historians! - was that quote included on Lady Bird's recipe cards?

Wick Fowler, a north Texas newspaperman and inventor of "Two-Alarm Chili," made a concoction that a newspaper columnist once said could "open sinus cavities previously unknown to medicine."

It is "generally accepted" - by chili historians I guess - that chilis did NOT originally contain beans. The Chili Appreciation Society International, went so far as to specify that beans are forbidden in its official chili competitions!

Speaking of contests: In 1967, a guy named H. Allen Smith wrote a magazine article titled "Nobody Knows More About Chili Than I Do." A chili manufacturer in Texas took exception to this, and set up a cook-off in Terlingua, Texas, between Smith and the aforementioned Wick Fowler.

The winner was...neither of them. The cookoff was deemed a tie when the final judge called the whole thing off, announcing that "My taste buds have been ruined."

Well, I bet neither Smith nor Wick's chilis could hold a candle to mine! Some of you readers may still remember, and certainly chili historians should! It was the 1991 KitchenAid Marketing Team Chili Cook-Off: I won the trophy for the hottest chili! (Full disclosure: Mine was the last one tasted by the judges, and all the previous recipes had ruined their taste buds.)





And the Winners Are... Part 1

For a second year in a row, six-hundred (600) of southwest Michigan's business leaders gathered Friday morning for the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber's Business Recognition Breakfast Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Corewell Health, and Honor Credit Union.

The meeting featured a return keynote from internationally acclaimed TED Talk speaker, and Wall Street Journal bestselling author Drew Dudley, recognized eight (8) businesses, organizations, and individuals as award winners, recapped 2024's 70th anniversary which saw the launch of two (2) new 501(c)3 organizations, and announced the return of ActionLine the Chamber's quarterly news publication.

The event wrapped up with the announcements from the day's live voting of the Business Recognition Awards. Winners include:

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COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD: BERRIEN COUNTY: SILVER BEACH PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

The Silver Beach County Park Playground Project is replacing a 30+ year old playground with a new, improved, accessible playground that invites all visitors to come and play together without barriers or limitations. In order to accommodate the increase in park usage and better address the diversity of visitors' needs, improvements and upgrades like the Silver Beach County Park Playground Project are essential. This project was approved as a National Demonstration Site through Playcore, which will help County

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March 1, 2025 MailMax Page 13 Parks gather data to determine the playground's impact on the community and help determine best-practices for future parks projects.

The full list of this year's Chamber nominee and award recipient information will be made available at www.smrchamber.com.

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