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Moody on The Market



#### SJ native Alex Heugel wins 'America's Test Kitchen: **Next Generation'**

A 2016 graduate of St. Joseph High School is the winner of America's Test Kitchen Next Generation Season 2.

Alex Heugel graduated from the Kendall School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management after graduating from St. Joseph. You can watch him compete on the cooking show on Amazon Prime now.

Because he came out on top out of eleven contestants, Alex gets his own cook book and \$100,000.

St. Joseph High School culinary arts teacher Lauri Berry remembers Alex well. She tells us she's "incredibly proud of him but not at all surprised." Berry says Alex is "the perfect fit for America's Test Kitchen with his combination of creativity, expert skill level, and love of ingredient science." He was in her Foods and Nutrition class as a freshman and in Culinary Arts as a sophomore because he always knew he wanted to be a culinary worker.

Berry says as a senior, Alex wrote an article for the high school newspaper about the skills necessary to be successful in the food service industry, and her students still read and use the article in class. She adds the kids have been watching clips from the Amazon Prime show all week.

Alex now works as a chef at The Chopping Block in Chicago.

#### Some downtown business owners anticipate benefits of new parking program in St. Joseph

As the city of St. Joseph prepares to implement its downtown paid parking program this summer, social media has blown up with some negative remarks. However, some business voices downtown are urging people to give the parking plan a chance.

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#### Sip, Savor, Support: Good Boy Vodka Lemonades Arrive Just in Time for Summer

Sweet summertime is on the horizon in Southwest Michigan! The warm days of boating, beach trips, lake time, and soaking up the sun are just around the corner-and I can't wait!

Nothing pairs better with those golden summer moments than a crisp,

refreshing beverage. And I'm so excited to share what's hitting the shelves near you! Good Boy Vodka, a premium vodka

brand, continues to roll out amazing products. Many of you have already fallen

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in love with their iconic Good Boy Vodka John Daly Cocktails (my favorite is the Iced Tea Blackberry!), their crisp Vodka Cocktails, and the wildly popular limited-edition Travis Pastrana Citrus Circus Cocktail.

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But Good Boy Vodka isn't just about great taste—it's a purpose-driven lifestyle brand. As many of you know, their tagline is "Every Pour Helps a Pup," and a portion of proceeds supports animal charities, American veterans, and Warrior Dogs.

Now, with the launch of their Lemonades, they're taking it a step further—supporting women's causes, including breast cancer research and awareness, through charitable events and product-driven donations. Founder and CEO **Alex Pratt** shared, "With the launch of our new Lemonades, Good Boy Vodka is proud to support women's causes—including breast cancer research and awareness—through charitable events and product-driven donations."

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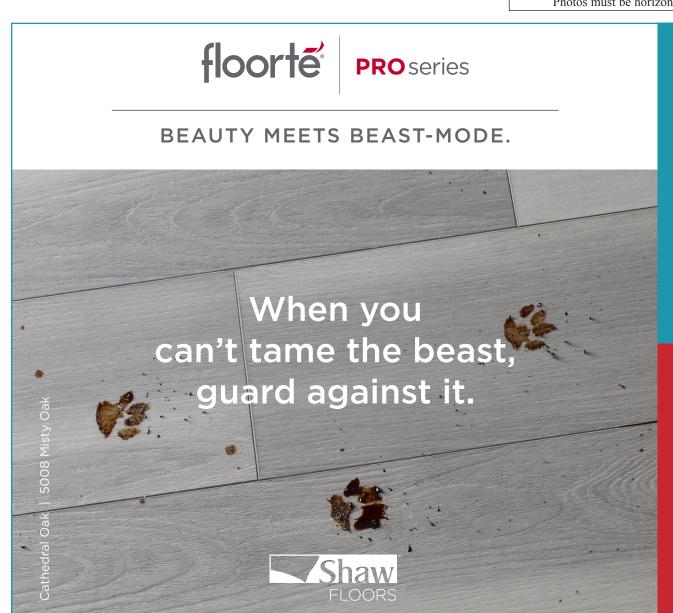
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#### **Glen & Shelly Head**

**Glen:** Tucked away between Dowagiac and Eau Claire, near the shores of Indian Lake, lies a timeless hidden gem that's turning a new page. **Timberline**, a cherished part of the community since 1939, has officially welcomed new owners—though they're far from strangers.

Haley and Matthew Lowe recently took the reins of this storied establishment. Matthew was a lifelong patron prior to joining the Timberline staff seven years ago, serving as head chef and part of the management team. The couple is committed to preserving the restaurant's long-standing tradition of quality and warmth.

"We want to keep this unique setting and restaurant alive," Haley shared. "There is so much tradition here with families that have come for generations."

Matthew added, "We make every dish with the freshest local ingredients and want our service to reflect just how special each guest is to us."

Timberline's ambiance is part of its magic—a beautiful, wooded setting and nostalgic interior complete with white table linens. And then there's the food. Oh, the food!

We began with the **Escargot** appetizer, served bubbling in garlic herb butter alongside thin crostini topped with melted cheese

#### April 26, 2025 MailMax Page 3 **Timberline: A Fresh Chapter for a Southwest Michigan Classic** The **Source Scallers** followed – plump and thank coodness we did I'd heard white

and a side of freshly grated Parmesan. The snails were tender and rich, with a mild, almost mushroom-like flavor that soaked up the bold, fragrant butter—a luxurious start to the meal.



#### Next came the **Blackened Norwegian Salmon**. Expertly cooked and wonderfully moist, it carried the bold kick of Cajun seasoning, perfectly balanced by sweet, charred red onions on top. It's easily some of the best salmon I've had in recent memory. "We fly our seafood in fresh," Matthew noted, "which keeps the natural oils that make seafood



The **Seared Scallops** followed—plump, sweet, and delicately briny, with a golden caramelized crust that gave way to a tender, buttery center. A drizzle of lemon-dill butter brought brightness and elemone to the disb

brought brightness and elegance to the dish.



Then came the showstopper: **Steak and Lobster**. The filet was perfectly cooked fork-tender with a buttery richness and refined beef flavor. The South African lobster tail, firmer and slightly sweeter than its Maine cousin, was incredibly fresh and meaty, with a clean ocean flavor that made every bite feel like a celebration.

Of course, we saved room for dessert-



and thank goodness we did. I'd heard whispers about Timberline's **Coconut Cream Pie**, and it more than lived up to the hype. With its flaky crust, smooth coconut custard, and toasted coconut topping, it struck the perfect balance of creamy, crunchy, sweet, and subtle. Simply outstanding.



A few extras to note: While not pictured, entrées come with your choice of two sides, and the bread service includes a house-made beer cheese spread that instantly reminded me of the kind my mom used to make-comforting and addictively good.

Timberline offers a fine dining experience in a relaxed, welcoming environment. In the summer months, a reservation is a smart move. For those who've never been, take this as your sign to go—it's worth the drive.

**Shelly:** Next time, I'm definitely going for the **Baked Shrimp DeJonghe**—it's calling my name!

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## Why HVAC Companies Don't Quote Prices Over the Phone

When homeowners need a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system, they often seek quick price quotes over the phone. However, reputable HVAC companies typically insist on an in-home consultation before providing a quote. This practice, while sometimes frustrating for customers, is rooted in the complexity of HVAC installations and the need to deliver accurate, tailored solutions. Understanding why on-site visits are essential can help homeowners appreciate the process and make informed decisions.

Every home is unique, with distinct characteristics that impact HVAC system requirements. Factors such as square footage, layout, insulation quality, window types, and ductwork condition vary widely. For example, a 2,000-square-foot home with poor insulation may need a more powerful system than a well-insulated home of the same size. Without inspecting the property, contractors risk under or overestimating the system's capacity, leading to inefficient performance, higher energy bills, or premature equipment failure. An in-home visit allows experts to assess these variables and recommend appropriately sized equipment, ensuring optimal comfort and efficiency.

Ductwork is another critical factor that requires on-site evaluation. Existing ducts may be damaged, improperly sized, or poorly designed, affecting airflow and system performance. In some cases, homes lack ductwork entirely, necessitating the installation of ductwork or ductless systems. Without examining the duct system, contractors cannot accurately estimate the scope of work or associated costs. For instance, repairing leaky ducts or retrofitting a home for a new system can significantly impact the project's price, making a phone quote unreliable.

Homeowner preferences also play a significant role in pricing. During an in-home consultation, experts discuss options such as system types (e.g., central air, heat pumps, or mini-splits), energy efficiency ratings, and smart features like programmable thermostats. These choices affect both upfront costs and long-term savings. For example, a high-efficiency system may cost more initially but reduce energy expenses over time. Without understanding the homeowner's priorities—whether budget, comfort, or eco-friendliness—contractors cannot provide a meaningful estimate.

Local municipality codes and permitting requirements further complicate remote pricing. Regulations vary by municipality and may dictate specific equipment standards or installation methods. An on-site visit ensures the proposed system complies with these rules, avoiding costly revisions later. Additionally, experts can identify potential installation challenges, such as limited space for equipment or electrical upgrades needed to support a new system.

Ultimately, HVAC companies prioritize inhome consultations to deliver accurate, transparent pricing and avoid surprises. While it may seem inconvenient, this approach protects homeowners from generic quotes that could lead to undersized systems, unexpected costs, or subpar performance. By scheduling a visit, homeowners gain a customized solution tailored to their home and needs,

ensuring comfort and efficiency for years to come. Currently in Southwest Michigan the com-

plete installed investment cost of a new furnace and AC from a reputable company will most likely be between \$11,000 - \$22,000 depending on size and efficiency ratings. Most companies provide quotes free of charge. If you would like to know an exact investment cost for your home, give BOSS Services a call and we will come out and provide options.





#### Berrien Springs Gears Up for 5th Annual Pickle Festival July 4

The Village of Berrien Springs, the Berrien County Historical Association (BCHA), and the Berrien Springs Community Library are thrilled to announce plans for the 5th Annual Pickle Festival, set for July 4th, 2025.

What began as a casual "what if" conversation in late 2020 quickly turned into a full-scale revival of a beloved community tradition. Since its return in 2021, the Pickle Festival has far exceeded expectations, drawing thousands of guests each year. This summer, organizers are preparing for the biggest celebration yet, with an estimated 7,500 attendees expected.

Festivities begin with the Pickle Fest Preview Weekend, kicking off on Friday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. with a coronation ceremony at the History Center at Courthouse Square, where the new Grand Dillmeister, Pickle Princess, and Pickle Prince will be crowned. Registration for the Princess and Prince opens April 27th and runs through May 24th, available on the Berrien County Historical Association's website or by email. Contestants must reside in or attend school in Berrien Springs, Berrien Center, Berrien Township, Eau Claire, or Oronoko Township. Questions about the pageant can be directed to Rhiannon Cizon at **rcizon@berrienhistory.org**.

Nominations for the coveted title of Grand Dillmeister are open until May 10th. Nominees should live or work in one of the eligible communities and have a strong love for all things pickle. Nominations can be submitted via email and may include self-nominations. Public voting will take place May 18th through June 6th on the official Berrien Springs Pickle Festival Facebook page. www.MailMaxOnline.com The Preview Weekend concludes with the 4th Annual In a Pickle 5K Run and Walk at Andrews University on Sunday, June 15th. Early bird registration is now open at runsignup. com, with guaranteed shirts for participants who register by May 10th. Pre-registration closes on June 11th, and a limited number of day-of registration slots will be available. All runners will receive a finisher's medal. Inquiries about the race can be directed to Rachel Keele at wellness@andrews.edu.

The excitement continues with the Pickle Fest Scavenger Hunt, running from June 23rd through June 29th. Participants will visit area businesses in search of hidden Dillard's, the festival's beloved mascot. Scavenger hunt sheets will be available starting June 29th at the Berrien Springs Village Hall, the History Center at Courthouse Square, and the Community Library. Completed forms must be turned in by 4:00 p.m. on June 30th to be entered into a drawing for a special prize, which will be awarded during the festival.

The main event will take place on Thursday, July 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the History Center at Courthouse Square and the Berrien Springs Community Library. Guests can look forward to the return of popular favorites such as Vendor Alley, the Pickle Fling, Big Wheel races, the Pickled Piper Tasting Room, the Flamm Pickle & Packing Company Relish Eating Contest, and a dunk tank, with proceeds supporting the Friends of Berrien County Animal Services.

As the event approaches, the Pickle Festival committee is actively seeking sponsors and pickle-specific vendors to make this anniversary celebration bigger and better than ever. Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to reach out to the team at **bspringspicklefestival@gmail.com**.

With community pride, family fun, and a whole lot of pickles, the 5th Annual Pickle Festival is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the summer in Southwest Michigan. Don't miss your chance to be part of this uniquely dill-lightful tradition!

For the latest updates, visit the festival's Facebook page @BerrienSpringsPickleFestival or **berrienhistory.org**.

Questions? Reach me at 269-932-4040 or sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com.



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#### Flori-dazing Flori-days at Flori-Dis

After a pleasant few days visiting my wife's dad in Florida, she, No. 3 son, and I dedicated ourselves to three days of immersion at Disney World.

It was, as expected, a LOT of fun, but, as not expected, there were sad moments too. Not as bad - not NEARLY as bad I should say - as some of the prodigious tantrums and meltdowns we witnessed. By other people's children, not by us.

To get the somber news out of the way: At Disney's Hollywood Studios, we enjoyed the 3D attraction Muppetvision for last time (insert bottom-lip-out pouty emoji). It's closing on June 7, 2025, as that location and its environs start conversion into a Monsters Inc. themed area.

At Animal Kingdom, we journeyed for the last time on the Dinosaur ride. All of the Dinoland section will be transformed into "Tropical America" land, featuring attractions based on the movie "Encanto" and the Indiana Jones franchise.

My memories of Dinosaur are less vivid than my Muppetvision memories, but one thing that's always tickled me are the red, yellow and white pipes that run along the walls of the ride's queue. Each bears an array of chemical symbols and names: They're the formulas for ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise! This hearkens back to the ride's original "sponsor": McDonald's.

I've always particularly loved Muppetvision, and feel it is only right and proper to mark its passage by plagiarizing it. Specifically, the Muppet Headquarters Directory signs, which are

located way back at the attraction's entrance While most Muppetvision visitors probably stroll right past to get as far ahead in the gueue as possible, I hope they have still been widely read and enjoyed over the years, and I herewith share them for any who perhaps have never seen them (Note: they're all in capital letters, slightly different font sizes, so for verisimilitude, I'll share them that way as well):

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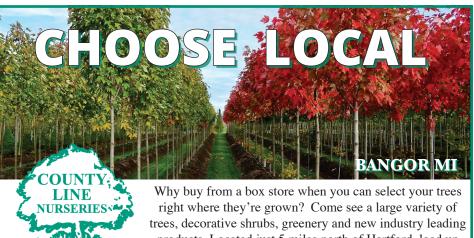
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Interestingly, the Muppets are NOT exiting Hollywood Studios permanently - in a rebranding that I can't wait to see, Disney is changing the Rock 'N' Roller Coaster from its Aerosmith theme to a Muppets theme! Word is nothing will change about the bone-jarring, teeth-rattling experience! Wow! Maybe at the exit there'll be chiropractic services - from Dr. Bunsen Honevdew!



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Women differ from men in many ways, but one of the most impactful differences lies in the fluctuations in hormone levels. From the onset of menstruation through pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding, and eventually into perimenopause and menopause, women experience continuous hormonal shifts. In many ways, the only true "constant" in a woman's life is change.

There is a growing conversation around the impact that perimenopause and menopause have on a woman's ability to function – physically, mentally, and emotionally. It often begins in perimenopause, as levels of estrogen, progesterone, and testosterone, decline, women begin to notice mood swings, anxiety, insomnia, brain fog and a loss of libido. In the past, women have been prescribed antidepressants and anxiolytics along with sleeping medications and even birth control pills to regulate symptoms These offered little relief as the root cause had not been corrected.

Fast forward to menopause where the body stops production of hormones altogether - it can feel like falling off a cliff. Suddenly, women are hit with brain fog, fatigue, hot flashes, weight gain, muscle loss, and the loss of vitality. It's no wonder we feel like we are losing our minds, in fact, in a way we are. Cardiovascular disease, cancer, dementia, osteoporosis, fractures and loss of skin quality and tightness are just a few of the "gifts" menopause brings with it.

Three decades ago, non-bioidentical hormone therapy was the treatment of choice for managing menopausal symptoms. Unfortunately, the approach was flawed-both in its design and execution. A large medical study known as the Women's Health Initiative was widely interpreted as evidence that all hormone therapy was dangerous, leading to the abrupt discontinuation of HRT for many women. However, over the past 10-15 years, healthcare providers have revisited the findings and recognized significant issues with the study-most notably, the selection of older, less ideal candidates and the use of non-bioidentical hormones. Today, we understand that bioidentical hormones-those that are identical to the ones our bodies naturally produceoffer tremendous benefits. When used appropriately, they can significantly reduce the risk of chronic diseases like cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and dementia, while dramatically improving a woman's quality of life.

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#### **Moody** *Continued from cover*

Renee Borah is the owner of Affinity Salon and Spa on Main Street. She tells us she thought for a long time the city needed a parking garage, but after attending meetings with commissioners and the city's parking consultant, she saw such an idea wouldn't work here. The studies have shown building a garage would be tremendously expensive and that few people would actually use it if they found an alternative. Meanwhile, Borah says the summer parking problem has continued for years. She credits city leadership for finally trying something to address it.

"I think we need to give it some time," Borah said. "If the city's going to put that money back into downtown and make it

better, it's going to be better for everyone. And it's just a short period of time. I don't see another solution. I think a lot of people are bringing a lot of problems and not offering a lot of solutions, and I think that's been a problem for many years."

Some residents have threatened to avoid the downtown altogether, but Borah says they'd only be hurting the businesses there.

"I've had a few people say that they're not going to go downtown when the paid parking is in effect, but honestly, in the next breath they'll say, 'Well, I avoid downtown anyway in the tourist season.' So if they're not going down there in the tourist season

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**Moody** *Continued from page 7* anyway, the paid parking doesn't really

affect them, in my opinion." Borah says she does have some of the same concerns other business owners have expressed, like teenage employees having to cross Main Street to access free parking on the east side. However, she says the city has shown it's listening by making changes to the original parking plan, like grandfathering in downtown residents who lack parking and offering passes to those with physical limitations.

The paid parking will be only May 15 through September 15 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on the west side of Main Street. The idea is to free up spaces for the customers of downtown businesses and stop beach goers from parking for free all day in the best spots. The parking rules were established by the city commission in a resolution instead of an ordinance so commissioners can make changes quickly and as needed.

#### Anemel restaurant closing in downtown Benton Harbor

One of downtown Benton Harbor's most unique restaurants is closing. Anemel, the creative concept of co-owner James Galbraith in a long vacant gas station building, is calling it quits after more than two years at 225 Main Street, on the edge of the Arts District.

Anemel seemed to win many positive reviews from diners, but several social media posts expressed regret for not



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returning more frequently to support the establishment.

Anemel will close Saturday, according to a Facebook announcement from Galbraith:

"With heavy hearts, we've made the difficult decision to close Anemel. Service will continue as usual next week, but our final dinner service will be on Saturday, April 26.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has walked through our doors and given us a try. We've met so many wonderful people and have felt truly embraced by this community. To our amazing staff thank you. We've been beyond lucky to work alongside some of the most talented, kind, and hardworking people out there. We have really had some fun here.

"This may feel sudden, but the challenges facing small business owners today are no secret, and unfortunately, we're not an exception. We just want to gently encourage everyone to show a little extra love to the local businesses you care about—especially now. For those interested, Anemel will be available for sale for a limited time. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to learn more."

Galbraith recently opened another restaurant in the region, 'Post Boy' in New Buffalo. He also co-owns 'Houndstooth', a boutique, fine-dining spot in downtown Benton Harbor.

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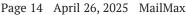
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Twin City Players announces the 5th production of its 2024-2025 92nd Mainstage Season, Sense & Sensibility, a lively comedic adaptation by Kate Hamill, based on the novel by Jane Austen. Opening night features complimentary wine from St. Joe Wine Shoppe. Full of humor and emotional depth, a fresh adaptation of Austen's beloved novel follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) of the Dashwood sisters. Performance dates are April 25 through May 11, 2025, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m., at the Twin City Playhouse.

Michigan songsmith Andy Baker brings his heartwarming midwestern folk to the Box Factory for the Arts, for a oneman show on Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Andy Baker has spent 3 decades captivating audiences with his unique style of thoughtful midwestern folk. He also was the featured Emerging Artist at the 2020 Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in New York. The same year, his album "North Country Sky" spent a number of months on the National Folk DJ charts. His shows feature a rotation of songs played on guitar, bouzouki, dobro, and even bass.

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Get ready to don your finest Derby attire and join Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant for a spectacular Derby Day Party on Saturday, May 3. Experience the charm and excitement of the Kentucky Derby in Southwest Michigan. Enjoy mint juleps, bourbon offerings, and more as you toast to the race. Southern-Inspired cuisine includes a curated menu featuring classic Derby Day dishes with a Tabor Hill twist. Flaunt your derby hats and dapper outfits for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Catch the race viewing party as you gather with fellow guests to cheer on your favorite horse during the main event.

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#### **Dave Says** You've Got to Get on the Same Page

Dear Dave,

My wife has run her own small business for the last three years. I try to be positive, and help whenever I can, but the truth is things aren't going very well. In fact, the business has never really shown signs of getting off the ground. Over the last several months, we've been putting part of what I make at my job into the business to help keep it open. We've also taken money out of savings to bolster things, and now our savings account is pretty low. I want to support her, because she loves what she's doing. But we have three kids, and I make about \$60,000 a year. Things have been pretty tight financially for a while. What do you think we should do?

- Isaac

#### Dear Isaac,

I'm an entrepreneur and business owner. So, trust me, I totally understand the excitement and allure that goes along with having your own business. But your own household and its immediate financial responsibilities should come first.

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Here's the thing. If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a decent sign you're not making money in the business. The only money that should go into the business account is income the business creates. So, at this point, I think you and your wife need to sit down together, and have a serious, but gentle, talk about things.

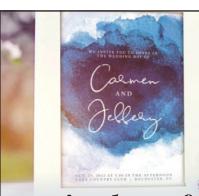
Set aside time-together-and complete a written profit and loss statement on her business. While you're at it, you also need to make a written household budget. The numbers won't lie, and it's going to be your job to be loving and understanding during all this. But the main thing you folks need is to get on the same page financially before the situation gets any worse.

Again, when it comes to the business, put all her expenses on the profit and loss statement in detail. Then, write out what it would take for her to break even each month. I hate that things have turned out this way, Isaac. But with everything that's been going on in your finances, if she's not, at a bare minimum, breaking even at this point, then I'm afraid it's time for her to do something else.

Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.





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#### Grace in Place of Anger

"I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my

strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." ~ Isaiah 12:1,2

When someone offends or hurts you with words or actions, what's your most likely response? To show grace or fume with anger? For many of us, too often, we react with anger.

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disobeys and disregards his perfect will. God would have had as many reasons to be angry with us as we have sins.

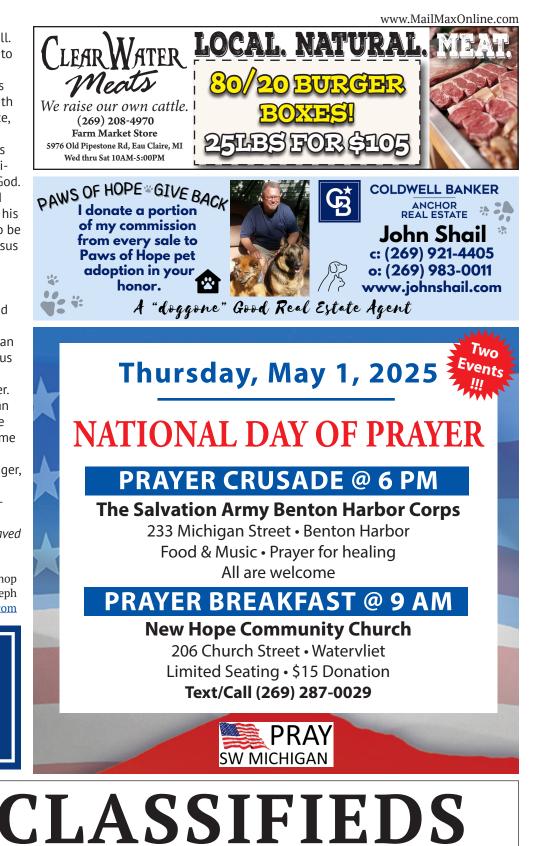
Thankfully, our Bible passage goes on to say, "Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away..." Once, God's anger was directed toward us because of our sins, but that anger was redirected. Where did it go? It was redirected upon Jesus, the perfect Son of God. God's anger against sin was redirected entirely upon the one who always did his Father's will. All the reasons for God to be angry with us were redirected upon Jesus on the cross.

When God's anger was redirected upon the cross of Christ, so was every reason we would ever have to be afraid of a Holy God. When grace takes the place of anger, we can see God not as an angry and just judge but as our gracious and loving Father. In our lives, we can show and speak grace in place of anger. We can speak and react differently than the unbelieving world does. By this, we can open a door for those who still fume with anger or tremble in fear of God's anger. By showing grace in place of anger, we open the door to reveal Jesus, who has turned away God's anger and comforts us with his grace.

Prayer: Lord God, surely you have saved me; I will trust in you and not be afraid. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Josh Bishop Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Originated by: <u>www.What AboutJesus.com</u>





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Lake Charter Township Board Public Hearing - PUD

The Lake Charter Township Board will conduct a Public Hearing for a request for approval of a Preliminary Site Plan for a Commercial PUD (Planned Unit Development) on May 20, 2025 at 7:00pm. at the Township Hall located at 3220 Shawnee Rd. Bridgman, MI 49106.

The request is for an approval of a Preliminary Site Plan for a Commercial PUD and has been applied for by Susie Duroe on behalf of Tiny Green Town LLC for property number 11-11-0018

0003-13-0 located on approximately 2.49 acres fronting Red Arrow Hwy within the C-1 (Commercial) District. The site plan as introduced consists of; commercial buildings, a pavilion, and phased in cabins. The submitted Preliminary Site Plan for a Commercial PUD is required to follow the Township's Zoning Ordinance for a Special

Use Commercial PUD. Additional information pertaining to this Public Hearing, of the proposed Preliminary Site Plan for a Commercial PUD, will be available at the Lake Charter Township Hall.

Written comments will be accepted through May 20, 2025 by 11:00am. at the Lake Township Hall (3220 Shawnee Rd. P.O. Box 818 Bridgman, MI 49106) or through e-mail at

#### clerk@lake-township.org

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk. If you require such aids or services and plan to attend this meeting, please call the Township. All interested parties will be heard during the meeting. Miranda Companion

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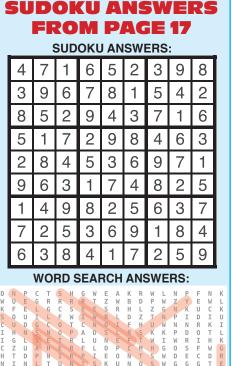
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