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Moody on The Market

Pat Moody

Coloma Glad-Peach Festival planned for strong comeback

Preparations are well underway for the 2025 Coloma Glad Peach Festival, set for August 2 and 3 in Coloma, Michigan.

Festival Board President Jennifer Schreier tells Moody on the Market that after recent festival board retirements, the decision was almost made to retire the entire festival. After a unified and vocal community outcry, they've got a new festival board this year, and the event will bring the same fun times as past years. Schreier says the festival is a proud tradition going back more than five decades.

"It started 58 years ago in 1947 as just the Glad Festival, and then they disbanded it for a couple years in 1956. Then in 1967, it came back, and so it's been pretty strong since then. I think they brought in the peaches in 1981."

By glad, they mean gladiolus, flowers you'll see all over town when the festival is held.

As always, the Coloma Glad Peach Festival will feature a 5 and 10K run and walk, a parade, and all kinds of activities for the kids.

"We still have the pancake breakfast with the fire station. We have pony rides, and face painting. We have different types of contests. We have the bake fest. We have the peach pit spit."

The festival will also feature food and craft vendors, a petting zoo, a pickleball tournament, live music, and a drone show by Starlight Aerial Productions and fireworks by Rowdy's KaBoom. The drone and fireworks show will be downtown Coloma on Saturday night at 10:30 pm.

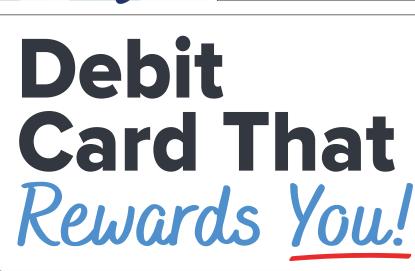
The weekend events will conclude at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 3. You can find a full schedule of the activities on their Facebook page.

Cornerstone Alliance exploring potential 'Business Improvement Zone' for Benton Harbor

Cornerstone Alliance is making a pitch for a tool that it says could be used in the city of Benton Harbor to attract more customers for businesses.

Speaking to the city Planning and Economic Development Committee this week, Cornerstone Vice President of Community Development and Growth, Andrew Haan, said Business Improvement Zones are allowed under a 1961 state law A Business Improvement Zone or BIZ, is an area in which a special assessment

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Anna Murphy

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United Way of Southwest Michigan Taps the "Power of One" to Help All of Us Live United

I am pretty lucky to get a front-row seat to our community's immense generosity for a living. Every day at United Way of Southwest Michigan, I watch a single donation, a lone volunteer hour or one quick email advocating for working families to a legislator snowball into something the whole region can feel. That's the

"Power of One." And when thousands of individual choices line up in the same direction, we Live United-neighbors helping neighbors in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. It happens in ways you can see and ways

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backpacks at the Cass County School Supply Spectacular, steered a wobbly cardboard canoe in Rock the Boat Presented by Honor Credit Union, or raked a stranger's yard on a cold November morning at Rake a Difference. Those are Volunteer United moments, and they're fun on their own-but they also help us support more than 70 local programs: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the 2-1-1 helpline, free tax prep through VITA, emergency housing grants, and dozens more. One act of service lands farther than you'd ever guess once United Way starts connecting the dots.

At United Way, our focus is squarely on the ALICE population—Asset Limited, Income Constrained, yet Employed households that sit just above the poverty line and just one crisis away from slipping below it. When an ALICE family steadies, the benefits ripple outward: classrooms calm down, businesses keep reliable staff, and neighborhoods breathe easier. That's why our board and volunteer impact team will be hard at work over the next 9 months to create a more nimble funding cycle that meets the changing needs of the community faster.

To be perfectly frank, all of that takes money, and the biggest chunk arrives during the Workplace Campaign Season, which kicks off this month and runs through the end of the year. Hundreds of companies and organizations across the area will invite employees to pledge a few dollars each pay period through easy giving opportunities like Payroll Deduction. Spreading a gift across the year keeps it budget-friendly and painless for you. For employers, the process is turnkey: download the Workplace Campaign Toolkit, pick a kickoff date, and lean on our campaign team for everything from sample emails to pledge forms. Payroll or Corporate giving isn't just convenient-it's United Way's primary fundraising engine, powering most of

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Of course, giving isn't the only lane. Advocacy—an email to Lansing about childcare affordability or a social-media share on living-wage bills—can stretch every donated dollar even further. And if hands-on help is more your style, Volunteer United's calendar is packed yearround. Whether you're crunching tax returns through VITA, reading with preschoolers, or hauling appliances at the Whirlpool Appliance Sale, your one shift stitches neatly into thousands of others to form a safety net the size of Southwest Michigan.

I've been asked, "Doesn't my donation feel like a drop in the bucket?" Honestly, no – because we're not emptying our drops into a bottomless well; we're pouring them into a carefully strategized impact plan that keeps filling cups as fast as they empty. When one person moves, the system moves. That's Living United.

If you'd like to see just how far your own drop can travel, visit **UWSM.org** and click **"The Power of One."** You'll find quick links to start or renew a workplace campaign, sign up for the next volunteer shift, or explore the advocacy issues closest to your heart. You can also contact our Campaign Director Zack East at zack@uwsm.org if you have questions about how you or your company can make a big impact. One step is all it takes to join the chain reaction. And when enough of us take that step, everyone in Southwest Michigan moves forward together.



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Sarah *Spoonholtz*

Regional Director, SMR Chamber

Welcome to July!

Welcome to July and Happy Birthday America! There are multiple fun and family friendly activities going on this weekend in honor of the 4th of July - below you'll find a few of them that I wanted to personally share with you, and a few upcoming events to add to your calendars.

First off, the 5th Annual Berrien Springs Pickle Festival happens from 10:00 am. -

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Speaking of Fireworks, there are a handful of other opportunities to see the sky light up with them on the 4th of July, including in Edwardsburg at Painter, Juno & Christiana Lakes, and Niles at 17th and Lake Streets. Plus a bonus day of them on July 5 in **Sister Lakes** at one of my personal favorite lakes, Magician Lake.

One of our sister organizations, the Coloma/Watervliet Chamber of Commerce & North Berrien Community Development shared details on the Watervliet Independence Day Celebration happening July 4th - 6th in downtown Watervliet! They've got not one or two, but three days of fun for you to celebrate with

the entire family! Including the Kiddy Parade, Parking Lot Party, a 5k/10k run/walk, Watervliet Idol, and the Duck Race.

excited to celebrate a very special Business After Hours with Schroeder Furniture and their incredible 50th anniversary! It all happens on Thursday, July 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at their location in St. Joseph.

This is a great opportunity for you to wish Dawn & Scott Schroeder and their team a very happy anniversary but also network with local professionals, connect with Chamber members, and enjoy an evening of great conversation, drinks, and appetizers!

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As we look back on five decades of memories, dedication, and growth, we also look forward to the future. We remain committed to offering the best in style, comfort, and service for the next generation of homes.

Here's to 50 years of partnerships, inspiration, and community - and many more to come. Thank you for being a part of our journey!

Next up our NextGen Young Professionals are heading to Silver Beach on Wednesday, July 23rd, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. near the volleyball courts for an evening of networking, fun, and sunshine!

This family-friendly event is the perfect way to connect with other young professionals while enjoying the best of summer. Whether you want to bump, set, spike in a friendly volleyball match, challenge friends to beach games, or just relax in the shade, there's something for everyone!

A few suggested items to bring with: Your beach gear & towels, Your A-game for volleyball & beach fun, and most importantly a great attitude & networking spirit!

NextGen will provide a cooler of water to keep you refreshed (and some shade)-so just show up, soak up the sun, and enjoy a great evening with awesome people!

If you're interested in learning more about any of these events head to our website smrchamber.com. Connect with me directly at sspoonholtz@smrchamber.com or 269-932-4040. See you around Southwest Michigan!



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Fun Facts About the American Bald Eagle

The American bald eagle, with its striking white head and piercing gaze, is more than just a national emblem—it's a feathered rock star of the wild! Here are some fun facts about this iconic bird that'll make you soar with fascination.

Did you know bald eagles aren't actually bald? Their name comes from the Old English word "balde," meaning white, referring to their snowy-white head feathers. These majestic birds sport a wingspan of up to 7.5 feetimagine a basketball hoop with wings! They can glide at speeds of 35–45 mph, but when they dive for fish, they hit a thrilling 100 mph, making them nature's dive-bombers.

Speaking of fish, bald eagles are seafood enthusiasts. Their diet is 70-90% fish, snatched from rivers and lakes with talons that grip like a vice at 1,000 pounds per square inch-stronger than a human hand! They're not picky, though; they'll munch on birds, small mammals, or even steal food from other eagles or animals, earning them the nickname "pirates of the sky."

Bald eagles are romantic at heart. They mate for life, often returning to the same nest year after year. These nests are colossalsome weigh over 2,000 pounds, the size of a

small car! One record-breaking nest in Florida measured 20 feet deep. Talk about a cozy love nest! Their courtship includes a jaw-dropping "cartwheel dance," where two eagles lock talons mid-air and spiral downward, breaking apart just before crashing. It's like an avian acrobatic love story.

Their eyesight is legendary. Bald eagles see four to eight times better than humans, spotting a fish from a mile away. Their eyes have a special "zoom lens" ability, and they can see ultraviolet light, which helps track prey. No wonder they're the ultimate hunters!

Bald eagles made a stunning comeback from near extinction. In the 1960s, only about 400 nesting pairs remained in the lower 48 states due to DDT poisoning and habitat loss. Thanks to conservation efforts, like banning DDT and protecting habitats, over 300,000 bald eagles now thrive across North America. They were removed from the endangered species list in 2007-a true wildlife success story!

Here's a quirky tidbit: baby bald eagles, or eaglets, are born with a tiny "egg tooth" to crack their shell. They fledge at 10-12 weeks but stick around mom and dad for a free meal plan until they're ready to hunt. Oh, and that iconic scream you hear in movies? It's often dubbed over with a red-tailed hawk's call because the eagle's real voice is more of a high-pitched chirp-less Hollywood, more cartoon!

From their sky-high nests to their daring dives, bald eagles are a symbol of strength, resilience, and a touch of wild flair. Next time you spot one soaring, you'll know there's a whole lot of awesome packed into those wings!

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is used to pay for things like beautification or infrastructure maintenance.

"They can maintain and operate park areas and planting areas," Haan said. "They can maintain or reconstruct sidewalks, street curbs, medians, fountains, lighting, furniture, promote events and recreational activities. They can engage in economic development activities."

Property owners within the proposed zone would vote on whether they wish to create it. Haan said he believes many business owners in downtown Benton Harbor would go for the idea. That's after some early discussions.

"Last year, we had been reached out to by some property owners in downtown, concerned with some of the conditions with the public space maintenance and other things that just weren't at the level that really is demanded for a great busy business district."

Haan said things like weed control, graffiti cleanup, and street landscaping have been requested by businesses. However, the city can't afford to manage all of those things itself. He suggested a BIZ be created roughly in the area of the Arts District and extending over to Harbor Shores.

Haan said the idea is only in its earliest stages right now and a steering committee would be recommended to further explore it. The committee asked him to come back for another presentation at its next meeting. **Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council**

Announces New Name

There's a new name in Michigan's tourism industry: Visit Southwest Michigan.

"Since December 1982, our destination marketing organization has been known as the Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council," said Marcy Simpson, executive director. "We're excited to announce our new name. It better aligns with our mission, who we serve and it's much easier to remember."

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Simpson said the new name is a call to action, one that is welcoming and engaging. It reflects the broader group the organization serves: not just tourists, but all visitors. She said Visit Southwest Michigan reaches those who travel here temporarily, whether from a nearby community or the other side of the world. That includes leisure and business travelers, event attendees, friends and family visiting loved ones, traveling sports teams and those considering relocating or starting a business here.

"Our mission is to attract and assist a wide range of visitors," Simpson said. "The new name helps us express that this is a great place to enjoy beaches and outdoor recreation, our arts and cultural heritage, farm and craft beverage experiences and to host meetings, weddings, reunions and more."

Simpson urged local residents to watch for the new name on the Visit Southwest Michigan website, digital and print advertising, social media and billboards.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out to Visit Southwest Michigan for help with custom itineraries; details about earning prizes with the Makers Trail, Creative Connections, Trails and Murals Challenges; things to do in each season and accessibility-focused vacation ideas. This organization is also the region's most comprehensive resource for meeting and special event location recommendations, pet friendly lodgings, wedding venue and vendor suggestions and securing the best rates for hotel blocks.

For visitor assistance, stop in the Visitors Center on Pipestone Road (Exit 27) in Benton Harbor, visit swmichigan.org or call 269-925-6301.

Owner of The Buck: paid parking should not return this summer

While the pause on paid parking in St. Joseph remains in place, downtown business owners are hoping city leaders are sincere about listening to their concerns and making changes to the program.





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Ken Kozminski, owner of The Buck Burgers and Brew, has been among the merchants meeting with city leaders to bounce around ideas. He tells us the city may have spoken with some business owners about paid parking before it was implemented in May, but he doesn't think it spoke to enough of them.

"I mean, this whole thing was put in wrong to begin with, if you will, especially when it comes to ADA and taking care of our handicapped and disabled people," Kozminski said. "So it's really, to me, it's really not a pause. They're on suspension until they get it right. And now's our opportunity to figure out, where do we go from here?"

Kozminski says his own business went down 38% when the paid parking was in effect. He's not totally against having some form of paid parking, but says there have got to be some adjustments that can be made so regular customers aren't driven away.

Kozminski is hoping there's no return of paid parking this year.

"But if we go right now and just rush in and try to throw this thing back in place, our summer really ends August 15. That's when the summer ends. And then we have Labor Dav weekend pretty much. And then now we're back into where our locals, we need everybody back and we've run them all out of town right now."

Kozminski says some proposals have included having season passes for sale to help the city generate revenue.

Paid parking has been suspended since June 9 because it was discovered some of the pay stations downtown weren't ADA-compliant. Since then, downtown St. Joe has largely bloomed back to life.

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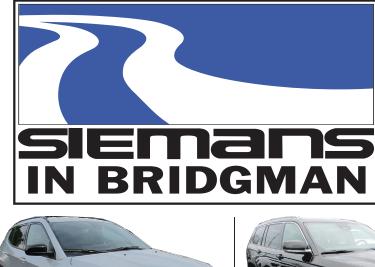
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Dave Says Make Your Case, and Don't Worry About the Other Guy

Dear Dave,

What's your advice on asking for a raise in a delicate workplace situation? I've been with my company almost six years, and I make the same money as one of my co-workers, who has been with the company for an equal amount of time and holds the same title. I have no problem, all things being equal, but in my mind they're not equal. During our tenure with the company, I have consistently taken on more responsibility-asked for it, even-and produced bigger and better results than he has. All things considered, at this point I feel I have the right to complain about the situation, because I think I should be making more money than he does. Jacob

Dear Jacob,

Believe me, I understand how you feel right now. But no, you don't have the right to complain. You agreed on your pay when you took the job, and you should perform your duties with integrity and character. What someone else does, or in this case doesn't do, has nothing to do with your title or personal compensation.

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Now, if you honestly feel like you deserve a raise because of your effort and performance on the job, that's fine. It's sounds like it may even be understandable, given the situation. So, if that's the case, sit down with your leader and make a logical, objective and reasonable argument for why you deserve more money. I wouldn't mention your co-worker, and especially don't bad-mouth him, because it's not relevant. Taking that approach could also make it come off as just a case of sour grapes to your boss. As a leader, I can tell you that's not an attractive look on anyone. What's relevant here is the value you bring to the company. Period.

Do you hear what I'm saying, Jacob? If you think you deserve a raise, and you've got the results to prove it, sit down and have a respectful conversation with your leader. Make your case. Show him or her the numbers in black and white, the value you bring to the company and explain why you feel you should get more money. I really think you'll have a better chance of getting your work recognized and rewarded if you'll approach things this way.

- Good luck!
- Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a nine-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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Freedom Is Not Free

On July 4th, we remember the freedoms that we have as citizens of our country. We have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and the freedom to choose our path in life.

But freedom is never free. Many lives have been spent in peacetime and war to ensure that these freedoms remain for the rest of us. People sacrificed so the ink on this paper can be printed, and you can read it.

Now what should we do with this freedom? The cost of freedom changes our minds about what the rest of life looks like.

Before I was free, I was enslaved. I am blind to my slavery. Many addicts have said "I can quit whenever I want." I am the same way. "I can quit scrolling." "I can quit clicking." "I can quit buying." "I can quit eating." "I can quit drinking." "I can quit binge watching." "I can quit swearing." But I can't. I am hopelessly lost to my own slavery. Until a sacrifice was made. *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again* (Galatians 5:1). Christ redeemed me from my slavery. Jesus shed his blood for my sin. My Savior sacrificed his life to break the bonds of my slavery. He plunged himself into the chains and darkness to lift me out of my mess.

Now what? What should we do now with this freedom? Since I am free, I am not obliged to do anything. Since I am not obligated to do it, I am free to do it. I am free to pry my gaze from my device and see people to love. I am free to find help with my addictions. I am free to admit that I am not perfect, but I am covered by the blood of Jesus. I am free to find ways to curb my anger and respond kindly.

How does the cost of your spiritual freedom help you reframe your view of today?

Dear Jesus, thank you for everything you gave up for me. I am free because of you. Help me not get drawn into my slavery again. Keep reminding me of your love for me so I can live my life in freedom for others instead of myself. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Josh Bishop Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph



Don **Stuart**

Humorist

Where in the World Have I Been?

There's no easy way to break this to ya, so I'm coming right out with it: You know how I tend to write and write and write and write about my travel adventures? Well, I'm just back from a three-week (yes, three!) trip. And true to form, I'm a'gonna tell ya allllll about it. But -surprise! - it's gonna take me longer than three weeks.

The journalist's creed is to provide readers the who, what, when, where, and why of things. I'll start with the what. The trip was a combo of pre- and post-travel, wrapped around a cruise from Barcelona to Istanbul. (For you geography nerds, I'm talking about Barcelona, Spain, not Barcelona, Arkansas. And I'm talking about Istanbul, Turkey, which can't be confused with any other place because it's the only Istanbul in the world.)

Now, the why: My wife's father, who turned 89 just before the trip started, has always loved to travel. That yen went unmet for the last several years as he tended to mother-in-law, who was in the grips of dementia. She passed last year, and as the rest of 2024 unfolded, my wife and her four sibs began noodling a travel adventure that my father-in-law could – and wanted to – take. Presented with a couple-three cruise ideas, he chose this one. July 5, 2025 MailMax Page 15 Now, the who: He embraced this opportunity even after learning his cast of fellow travelers included me. The entire group was eight: Him, my wife, her sister, her three brothers, her older brother's girlfriend, and me. This meant that generally, he had at least a three- to four-person "bubble" around him, reducing excessive contact with me.

(I kid, we actually get along very well. With three-to-four people between us. And that held for this entire trip. Except when I wouldn't play cribbage with him [he always CRUSHES me]. Oh, and once he groused I was delaying lunch by engaging our guide in what he felt was a too-lengthy conversation.)

Okay, I don't have to discuss the when, since I just got back and so you know it was most of June. That leaves the where: Between Barcelona (the one in Spain) and Turkey, we docked at Villefranche, France, and took a jaunt into Monaco; Civitavecchia, Italy, the port for a day in Rome; Livorno, Italy, the port for a day in Florence and Pisa; Naples, Italy, the port for a day at Pompeii; Athens, Greece; the Greek island of Mykonos, except NOT, because the waters were too bouncy for the tender boats to get us to shore (bummer); the Greek island of Santorini; Kusadasi, Turkey, the port for a journey to Ephesus; and finally, Istanbul.

Now my wife has suggested I spare you my usual surplus of travel factoids and trivia; she thinks I should a single highlight from every port and finish my reminiscences in one tidy column. I asked which highlights she considers worthiest. She rattled off ten, matching our ten-stop itinerary perfectly. Except all ten were about Barcelona (the one in Spain). I witnessed a revelation dawn on her: There's no way to sum up the whole trip in 550 words! "Okay," she said, "go ahead and write as much you want. But don't delay lunch."



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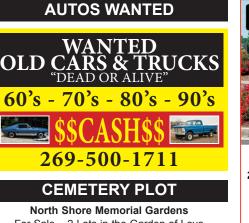
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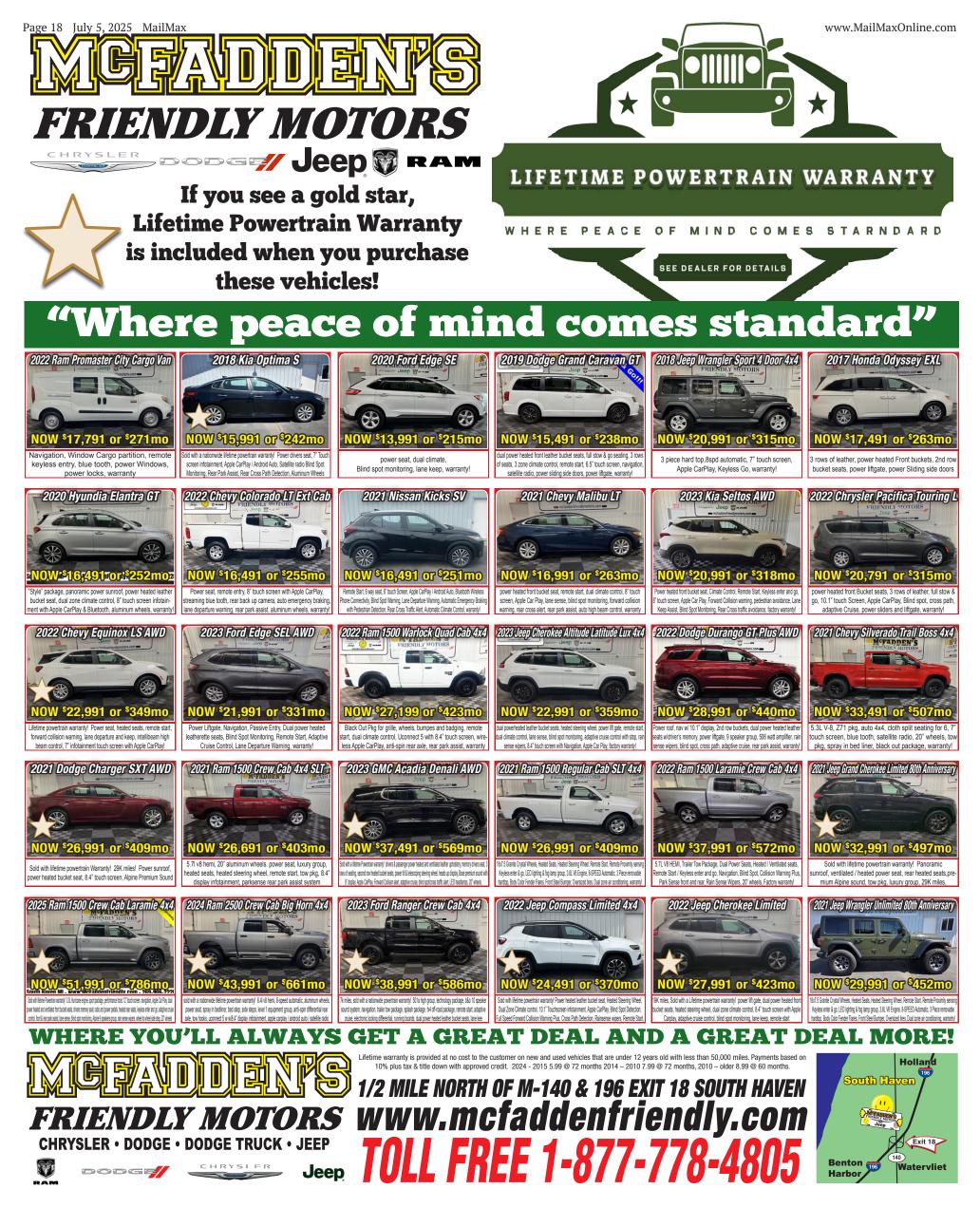
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