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'Elevated Tacos' and craft brews coming to State Street downtown St. Joseph

A new restaurant and craft brewery concept is preparing to open in downtown St. Joseph, aiming to bring a fresh mix of South American-inspired flavors and house-crafted beverages to one of the city's most visible storefronts.

Mi Familia Tap & Kitchen is planning to open at 210 State Street, the space most recently home to Brookie's Café and The Kingfisher. The location sits in the heart of downtown – prime real estate that has seen a couple of short-lived restaurant attempts in recent years.

The new concept is built around elevated tacos, craft cocktails and an in-house brewing program. Organizers describe it as a fast-casual format, designed to offer high-quality food and drinks in a relaxed, approachable setting.

The lead developer on the new venture is Corey Carolla, owner of Waterfront Framing and Fashion and the newly opened 'Outta the Ashes' antique mall, both located across South State Street.

On the food side, customers can expect South American-inspired tacos made with premium ingredients and a focus on technique. The goal is to deliver bold flavors without the formality of a full-service dining experience.

On the beverage side, Mi Familia plans to feature what it calls Passion Project Brewing Co., an in-house craft beer program led by veteran brewmaster Pete Crowley. Crowley brings more than three decades of experience in brewing and spirits production, with a background that includes developing award-winning recipes and building craft beverage programs.

In addition to house-brewed beer, the restaurant plans a curated tap lineup, craft cocktails and a family-friendly "Primos Dirty Soda Bar" offering customized soda creations. A veteran-led coffee brand, Veterans Roasters, is also expected to be part of the lineup.

The layout is designed to accommodate everyone from solo diners to larger groups of up to 80 people, positioning Mi Familia as both a casual drop-in spot and a gathering place for families and friends.

Downtown St. Joseph has continued to strengthen its reputation as a shoreline dining destination, with restaurants and specialty food businesses drawing both local residents and

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Michigan Celebrates Small Business Winners!

For over 20 years the Grand Rapids based Michigan Celebrates Small Business organization made up of multiple statewide partners has recognized businesses all across the state of Michigan. Locally speaking, one of our members **Health Elevated PLCC** has been recognized as a **2026 Micro Business of the Year**. The honor will be presented to Health Elevated at the 22nd annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awards Gala on April 22nd.

Michigan Celebrates Small Business is a prestigious annual competition honoring small businesses and their supporters. MCSB offers a platform for Michigan companies to be recognized for their business endeavors and positive impact on the state's economy. The gala launched in 2004 and has become Michigan's premier awards program for small business. There have been over 1,200 compa-

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panies honored at MCSB over the past 20 years, including 950 second-stage companies recognized by the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Award.

"Michigan Celebrates Small Business highlights the incredible drive and perseverance that define our state's small business community," said **Brian Calley, President and CEO of the Small Business Association of Michigan**. "The Micro Business Award recognizes the outstanding commitment shown by Michigan's smallest—but mighty—businesses. We're proud to honor Health Elevated and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the years ahead."

Health Elevated PLLC is redefining pelvic health care for women in Southwest Michigan. As a concierge pelvic health occupational therapy practice, it provides direct-access, personalized treatment for bladder, bowel, pelvic pain, and core concerns across the lifespan. Founder Amy Underwood, OTR/L, created Health Elevated to ensure women receive expert care that listens, educates, and delivers lasting results.

"I am deeply honored that Health Elevated has been named a 2026 Microbusiness of the Year awardee by Michigan Celebrates Small Business."

To be recognized alongside an inspiring group of Michigan entrepreneurs is both humbling and energizing. This award reflects the dedication to excellence, innovation, and community impact that small businesses across our state embody.

A sincere thank you to Kinexus for the nomination and for their continued commitment to supporting entrepreneurs in Southwest Michigan. Your advocacy makes opportunities like this possible.

This recognition reinforces our mission at Health Elevated: to expand access to specialized pelvic health care and ensure women receive expert, compassionate care at every stage of life." Amy Underwood, OTR/L Founder, Health Elevated PLLC.

While navigating the dynamic and ever-changing small business landscape, the Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awardees have demonstrated exemplary tenacity, adaptability, and leadership. The 2026 Awards Gala will put Michigan's small businesses in the spotlight and give them a chance to share their success stories with the supporters who helped them get to where they are today.

The Micro Business Award is designed to celebrate the successes of microbusinesses but also to encourage ongoing innovation, community involvement, and inclusivity.

Awardees in this category are selected based on the following:

1-9 employees or generating less than \$500,000 in annual revenue; Has a positive company culture where employees are valued; Demonstrates a positive influence on the local community, either through providing jobs, services, or by contributing to local causes; Shows resilience in overcoming obstacles such as financial hardships, competition, or market barriers and; Has a track record of strong customer satisfaction, supported by testimonials or reviews.

Other local winners include:

50 Companies to Watch: Flamm Pickle & Packaging Co., Eau Claire; Fortress Manufacturing, Benton Harbor; Oronoko Iron Works, Bridgman;

SBDC Best Small Business Award: Zo's Mini Donuts, Sawyer.

This year's celebration begins with the Small Business Summit and VIP reception on Tuesday, April 21st, with a Capitol Day and black-tie awards gala on Wednesday, April 22nd. Additional information and ticket information can be found at michigancelebrates.org.

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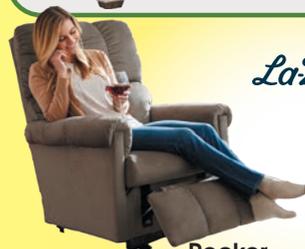
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Early forms of baseball-like activities appeared in England as far back as the 18th century. A children's book published in 1744 described a game called base-ball, featuring players striking a ball and running between posts. Similar games, including rounders and stoolball, influenced its development. By the early 19th century, variations spread across Britain and the American colonies, often played informally in fields and villages.

In the United States, organized baseball took shape in the 1830s and 1840s. The New York Knickerbocker Base Ball Club formalized rules in 1845 under Alexander Cartwright. These guidelines established key elements such as nine players per side, diamond-shaped bases 90 feet apart, three outs per inning, and the concept of tagging runners or bases for outs. The first recorded match under these rules occurred in 1846 in Hoboken, New Jersey. The sport gained momentum during the 1850s, with clubs forming in northeastern cities and spreading westward.

The Civil War accelerated baseball's growth. Soldiers from both Union and Confederate armies played the game in camps, helping popularize it nationwide. After the war, professionalism emerged. In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first fully professional team, touring the country and drawing large

crowds while going undefeated in their initial season.

Professional leagues followed. The National Association of Professional Base Ball Players operated from 1871 to 1875 as the first major league, though it struggled with instability. In 1876, William Hulbert and others founded the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, emphasizing stricter contracts, ethical standards, and centralized control. This eight-team circuit marked the beginning of structured major league baseball.

Rival leagues challenged the National League's dominance. The American Association formed in 1882, introducing Sunday games and cheaper tickets to attract working-class fans. The Players' League appeared briefly in 1890 amid labor disputes over salary caps. By 1892, the National League absorbed competitors, creating a 12-team monopoly that lasted until the turn of the century.

The modern era began in 1901 when the Western League reorganized as the American League and declared itself a major circuit. After a brief "baseball war" over player contracts and territories, the two leagues reached peace in 1903 through the National Agreement. That fall, the champions of each league met in the first World Series, establishing an annual postseason tradition that continues today.

The early 20th century brought further evolution. Dead-ball era play emphasized strategy, bunting, and stolen bases until rule changes and livelier balls around 1920 ushered in the live-ball period. Franchise shifts began in the 1950s, with teams relocating to new cities and expansion adding clubs in the 1960s and beyond. Integration in 1947 broke long-standing racial barriers, enriching the game with diverse talent.

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Fence Masters Earns National Recognition from American Fence Association



Larry and Jacob Martin celebrate 20 years in business and national recognition.

A Stevensville-based company is receiving national recognition in its milestone 20th year of business.

Fence Masters, LLC has been named a **2025 American Fence Association (AFA) FenceTech Pro Award Winner**, a prestigious honor recognizing excellence in the fence, gate, and perimeter security industry.

In a formal statement, the American Fence Association congratulated the company on its selection, noting that the award reflects “the outstanding work you’ve put into projects across the fence, gate, and perimeter security industry,” and announcing that Fence Masters will be celebrated at FenceTech 2026 in Indianapolis.

For owners **Larry Martin** and his son, Jacob Martin, the recognition is both humbling and affirming.

“This honor reflects the dedication, craftsmanship, and professionalism our team brings to every project,” the company shared. “We’re incredibly proud of our hardworking team and grateful to our loyal customers who trust us with their homes and businesses.”

Founded in 2005, Fence Masters has grown into one of Southwest Michigan’s trusted names in professional fencing. From residential privacy fences and decorative aluminum installations to commercial-grade security fencing and custom gates, the company has built its reputation on quality workmanship, durable materials, and personal service.

Operating from its headquarters at 7526 Jericho Road in Stevensville, Fence Masters serves homeowners, businesses, municipalities, and industrial clients throughout the region. Over the past two decades, the company has adapted alongside evolving fencing technologies—offering modern materials, enhanced security solutions, and clean, professional installations that stand the test of time.

The AFA FenceTech Pro Award recognizes companies that demonstrate superior craftsmanship, project execution, and industry leadership. Being selected places Fence Masters among top-performing fence professionals across the country.

For a locally owned, family-operated business, the national spotlight carries special meaning.

“We’re proud to be raising the standard for quality fencing in our service area,” the company noted in its announcement. “This achievement belongs to our entire team and the customers who continue to support us.”

As Fence Masters celebrates 20 years in business, the award marks not just a milestone, but a testament to consistency, integrity, and community roots.

In an industry built on strength and security, Fence Masters has proven that lasting success is also built on trust.

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seasonal visitors. Mi Familia's owners say they hope to add a distinctive Latin-inspired option to that mix.

An opening date and full menu details are expected to be announced soon.

Chamber talks transit with Berrien County municipal leaders

The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber is encouraging local governments in Berrien County to talk about the potential formation of a regional transit system.

The Chamber partnered with BCAT -- Berrien County's transit committee -- to host a meeting of the county's Chief Elected Officials Council to get everyone on the same page. Chamber President Arthur Havlicek tells us funding for the Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority is set to run out in October if some movement toward a regional system doesn't start, and it's time for leaders to be talking.

"All of Berrien County was represented in the meeting, and the conversation about regional authorities is going to pretty much affect everyone," Havlicek said.

Havlicek says major employers and representatives of social services organizations were also on hand for the Friday meeting, which featured more than 70 officials from across Berrien County.

It appears momentum is building among municipalities to establish some sort of regional transit authority so riders of TCATA continue to be served when state support ends.

"We're encouraging them to do so, the chamber is, not only because there are 150,000 rides that would essentially disappear overnight, but because we think that it's a great solution to overcome the current fragmented system that we have."

The Michigan Department of Transportation last year sent word to Berrien County that support for TCATA, which runs Benton Harbor's Dial a Ride service, will end due to its increasing costs.

The next step is for local governments to begin officially taking a position on the issue.

Millage renewal could be sought for Dial a Ride this year

Despite an unclear future, leaders at the Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority are planning to seek a renewal of the TCATA millage this year.

Speaking to the TCATA Board recently, Benton Harbor City Manager -- and board member -- Alex Little said the millage that supports Dial a Ride will expire in 2027. He's aiming for November to put the renewal question to voters.

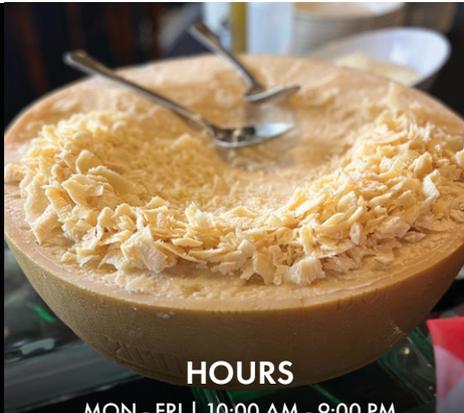
"In order to put ourselves in the best position, I think we ought to try and have a managed question on this coming November when the regular election occurs," Little said. "For one thing, that saves us not having to pay a lot of



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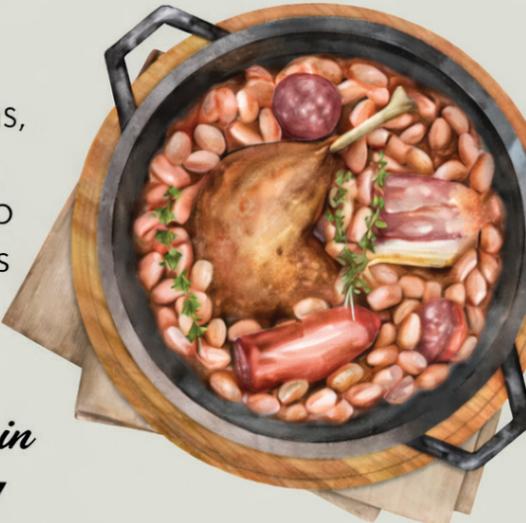
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money for an election of sales because there are other elections going on and ours is going with it. Secondly, it gives us an opportunity, if for any reason it did not go through, that we would still have an opportunity to try again.”

Little said that way, another attempt could still be made before the millage expires.

All of this comes as municipal leaders from all over Berrien County have been discussing the possibility of forming a regional transit authority. The Michigan Department of Transportation has stated it will no longer provide funding to Dial a Ride come October unless progress has been made on finding its replacement due to rising costs.

‘Gardening School’ coming from River Valley Garden Club

Spring might be teasing us with warmer temperatures, but local gardeners are already looking ahead.

The River Valley Garden Club – well known across Harbor Country and Southwest Michigan for its annual plant sale – is inviting the public to dig a little deeper with a two-day Gardening School this April.

The workshop will be held Friday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harbert Community Church, 6444 Sawyer Road in Sawyer.

Designed for gardeners of all experience levels, the program features four focused sessions: container gardening, native trees and shrubs, plant growth factors, and growing mushrooms. Each class stands on its own, so participants don’t need prior coursework – or even a green thumb – to benefit.

Club leaders say the goal is simple: give people practical knowledge they can use in their own yards while connecting with others who share an interest in gardening. The group hosted similar workshops last year that drew strong attendance, and this year’s lineup features all-new topics.

The event is sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs. Registration is \$60 for garden club members and \$75 for nonmembers and includes continental breakfast and lunch both days. Attendance is capped at 60 participants, with an April 3 registration deadline.

Registration and additional details are available at migardenclubs.org.

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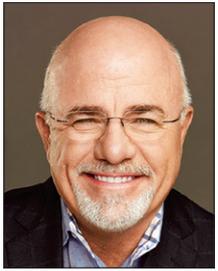
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Dear Keri,
To be honest, I'm not sure I understand his thinking either. They're both debt payments, and you're being charged interest on both of them. The only difference I can see is that one's attached to a car and one's not. It makes about as much sense as saying you like Visa better than MasterCard.

Even if he has some strange hang-up about car depreciation, that argument doesn't hold water, either. Cars go down in value

whether you borrow money to buy them or not. A \$30,000 vehicle will be worth half that in just a few years, no matter what you do. And car payments won't keep it from depreciating, or slow the rate of depreciation.

You know, sometimes people just get burned out and tired of paying the price to become debt-free. I've seen it happen several times when folks have been working at it for a while, and they start to feel like they're never going to get there. What if you two sit down, and have a detailed talk about why he feels this way? See if you can find out why he feels the way he does about car payments, and where the root of the problem really lies.

Keri, this guy has been right with you on the journey to get out of debt, and gain control of your finances up until now. That tells me he's disciplined, and that he's willing to pay a price for things that are important to him. He may just need some encouragement and support. So, try reminding him how far you've come together. Remind him how close you are to winning, and how much you love and respect him for being part of it all.

You two can do this!

- Dave

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Don Stuart
Humorist

Horsing Around in the Chinese New Year

By the time you read this, we'll be a few days into the newest Chinese New Year, the "Year of the Horse," which began on February 17.

If you're thinking, "Hey, my faithful weekly dopey-humor columnist is a little behind the news cycle," keep in mind that, according to experts known on the internet as "some astrologers," this "Year of the Horse" will be a "fast year." Thus, with the horse breaking from the gate so quickly, it's tough to keep up.

Why is this going to be a fast year? Because the next Lunar New Year's Day will be February 6, 2027. So, this particular Year of the Horse is something like 354 days long. Which, I don't know, still seems like a long time, and perhaps not worthy of being a truly "fast year." At least, not Secretariat fast, right? (Youngsters - if you need to, google Secretariat, the greatest athlete who EVER LIVED!)

(You know, if us Westerners had years that were 354 days long, I would all be, like, the same as I am right now, except two years older! Which could perhaps make lying about my age harder. Although, on the other hand, if I started telling people tomorrow that I'm 2 years older than I really am, they might think I look better for my age than I actually do!)

The topicality of this column gets even fresher when one considers that there are also some astrologers who consider February 21 to be day one of the Year of the Horse. Such astrologers utilize the "full natal Four Pillars of Destiny" in their work. This is according to a consultant to the Feng Shui Society, named Foon Chik. Really.

Anyway, using the full natal Four Pillars of Writing Dopey Columns, I researched as many websites as I could before I smelled dinner cooking, and learned there are many portents, omens and predictions for this Year of the Horse, many of which suggest that I'm going to have a lousy year.

Here's a prime example: I read that "the Horse comes galloping from the south to rule the new year." And this means we should not undertake any major building projects in the south sector of our homes and yards. At first, this sounds like good news for me, as it allows me to give my wife an authoritative and factual reason for not doing the enormous, time-consuming, and physically laborious landscaping overhaul that she wants done in our front yard - which faces south!

However, my wife subscribes to a philosophy built upon the full natal Four Pillars of You're Full of It, and she went out today and bought me me a whole new trove of tools to get that job done - new shovels, a wheelbarrow, industrial-size tubes of Ben-Gay, etc.

There was one glimmer of good news in my Horse-oscope however; one astrologer says that the Horse is "a portent for romance luck for those born under the signs of the Snake, Rooster and Ox." And I'm a Rooster! I mentioned this - with my best seductive stare - to my wife, who asked where I'd heard it. I told her the honest truth - from a Foon Chik. Whereupon she conked me with an industrial-sized tube of Ben-Gay.

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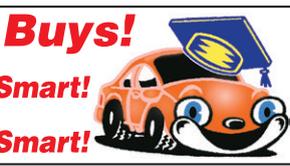
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Glen & Shelly Head

Glen: An *heirloom* is something valuable passed down, cherished for its sentimental or historical significance. After opening a café in the oldest building in the historic Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District, **Joey Miceli** named his new eatery **Hareloom Café** – a playful nod to history, complete with a cute little bunny mascot.

It may be the oldest building in Stevensville, but Miceli is serving cutting-edge breakfast and lunch dishes alongside artisan beverages.

While perusing the menu, **Dani** the barista brought us two lattes to sip and savor—one hot and one iced. Both java creations were delightful. The beverage list is impressive, featuring lattes, cappuccinos, espresso, teas and tea lattes, along with both drip and cold brew coffee. Dani shared that Hareloom Café proudly serves **Infusco Coffee**, locally owned and freshly roasted.

Along with a charming smile, our server **Alaina** brought **Harbor Toast** to the table first: avocado smash, chopped bacon, marinated tomatoes, mild crumbled goat cheese, fresh microgreens, and everything bagel seasoning layered artfully on thick sourdough toast from **Bit of Swiss**. The

Hop into Hareloom Café, a Modern Classic in Stevensville

crust delivered an unexpected crunch, while the center remained pillowy soft. I appreciated the chopped bacon—no thick slices to bite or cut through. The dish was beautifully balanced with contrasting flavors and textures.



The **Loaded Biscuits + Gravy** is aptly named and arrived with a large serving of rustic, large-chunk house potatoes. The gravy was savory without being heavy-handed on sage, and the buttered, grilled biscuits were spot on—sturdy, crisp exteriors with tender, moist interiors that



absorbed the rich gravy. A sprinkling of scallions added color and brightness. I knew more dishes awaited, so I forced myself to stop. For me, this is the GOAT of biscuits and gravy.

Flipping to the lunch side of the menu, we zeroed in on the **Late Checkout**, a ham sandwich with melted muenster, strawberry-jalapeño compote, and garlic parm aioli tucked between sourdough French toast. It's a wild ride of flavors—the salt and clove of the ham contrasted by sweet compote and custardy bread. The garlic aioli was mellow, offering a velvety mouthfeel and subtle layers you might not expect. Each bite revealed distinct layered flavors.



We finished our trip with **Field Notes**, a roll-up packed with grilled chicken breast, romaine, parmesan, marinated tomato, pickled red onion, candied jalapeños, crouton crumble, Caesar dressing, and a parmesan crisp fused to the tortilla. The aroma reminded me of an Italian sub. The warm, salty crunch of the parmesan crust

was a brilliant kitchen choice by Miceli. The sweet, zesty pop of candied jalapeño and tang of pickled red onion contrasted beautifully with the tender chicken. Like the others, this entrée was masterfully balanced in flavor and texture.



When I complimented Miceli on his consistent use of contrast and balance, he shyly replied, "You have to balance not just the flavors but the textures as well."

Shelly: Next time, I'm choosing the **Bread Box** with peanut butter, banana, honey, cinnamon, and chia. It's what Elvis would order.

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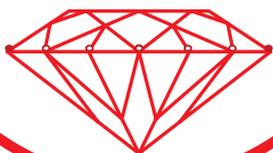
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No Means No

"No means no." When the kids pester me to do something that I don't want for them or that is not good for them, I can wield this weapon. It is easy to tell others "No" when stopping them from doing something. I often want to curb others' behaviors.

But what about mine? Why is it hard to say "No" to my own desires that I know are not good for me? My hand keeps reaching for the next bite and drink even when I know I shouldn't. My finger keeps pressing and swiping for more when I tell myself to stop. I know that if I say it, it will be harmful, but I say it anyway. Looking longer makes my heart feel less and less satisfied with what I have, but I can't look away.

I love to say "No" to everyone else to attempt to stop them from doing bad or harmful things, but I have a tough time saying it to myself.

In steps Jesus, my champion. He was tempted in every way, just as we are (Hebrews 4:15). The only difference is that he was able to say "No" in every instance. He said "No" to overindulgence, overreacting, and using others for his own satisfaction. He did it for you.

Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him (Matthew 4:10-11).

All temptations fall under the one named here. When I serve my own appetite, I am serving myself as god, not my Savior and Creator.

When I couldn't say "No," Jesus did. He told Satan to go away. He denied the temptation entry into his thoughts and actions. He put everyone else above himself, including you. You are forgiven and released from all guilt.

He empowers you with this grace.

Jesus said "No." Then what? The Devil left him. He came back at other times, but he left when Jesus said "No." Say "No," and the temptation leaves. It may return, but you can say "No." God's grace teaches me to say "No," just as Jesus does.

God sends help. He sent his angels to serve Jesus, and he sends them to serve you as well. You are not alone in the fight. With extra help, you can say "No" even more.

What is one specific temptation you can prepare for by deciding your "No" ahead of time?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, your help is so good and needed. Thank you for your unending grace for when I serve myself instead of you. Strengthen me for daily battles. In you, I can say, "No" to sin. I have enough with you. Amen.

Submitted by Pastor Josh Bishop
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The Pet Corner

One year ago, our buddy Ace the Tenacious Terrier left us. Ace lived with us for 8 years, and we were very saddened when he succumbed to an illness. Never having been without a dog, we found it difficult to adjust to a quiet house. Sandwich Kitty missed the companionship of another animal, too. Then along came Gracie, a stray that landed at Berrien County Animal Services. We'd never had a Beagle before, but we figured, what the heck? How different can she be from the rest of the dogs we've had in our lives? We soon learned, after a bit of a curve, that Beagles are as sweet and loving as any breed you might have in your life. They're also noisy, get their feelings hurt (at least Gracie does), are stubborn, have a strong urge to follow their noses, and when they do smell something interesting, they become quite fixated. Perhaps others who've owned Beagles have a

different experience, but that's ours, one year into the relationship. I keep saying, it's much like having a teen-ager again. One thing I have learned from rescue dogs is that what you see is not always what you get. When you don't know their background or what happened in their previous life, it's a mystery you're always trying to figure out. Sometimes you never do. But we've let Gracie know she is home for the rest of her life...as long as she doesn't break out, follow her nose, and forget how to find her way back. (Especially with the warmer weather.) Although, being microchipped, we hope she'd be returned to us asap.

Many times, when someone loses a beloved pet, they ask how long they should wait to adopt another. The only true answer is that it's a totally personal decision and depends on your situation. When Zeke the Jack Russell passed some years ago, we still had Foo Foo and the two cats, so our house was alive with animals. We waited a few years to adopt Ace. Losing a pet you've lived with for a long time presents a huge adjustment, and only you know when, or even if, you're ready to share your life with another pet. As when dealing with any grief, there is no timeline. You will know when the time is right. Or maybe another pet in need will come along and decide it for you.

If you are looking to adopt a pet in need of a new home, Berrien County Animal Services has lowered adoption fees to \$14 for the month of February. Many cats and dogs are waiting at the county shelter for their new beginning. Walk-thru visitors are welcome anytime during business hours.

Animal Aid will sponsor a Wagging Tails adoption event at Tractor Supply in Dowagiac, February 21, from 1-3 pm. Animal Aid also sponsors adoption events at Fuzzybutz Pet Bakery in St. Joseph, every Sunday from 1-3pm.

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Qualified professional firms are invited to submit proposals. The RFP document includes a detailed project description, scope of work, submission requirements, and key dates. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instructions outlined in the RFP and received by the stated deadline. Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered. Questions regarding this RFP or requests for additional information should be directed to the Parks and Recreation Director, Sara Pendergast as outlined in the RFP document. The City of Bridgman appreciates all interest and looks forward to reviewing all proposals. Additional information is available online at www.Bridgman.org.

LEGALS

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

City of Bridgman, Berrien County
The City of Bridgman Board of Review for March 2026 will be held in person at the City of Bridgman City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106.

The City of Bridgman March Board of Review will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 2:30 p.m. = Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. = Appeal Hearing
Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. = Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2026 assessments.

By board resolution, taxpayers can protest by letter sent to the City of Bridgman Assessor, 9765 Maple St, Bridgman, MI 49106, provided protest is received prior to March 13, 2026.

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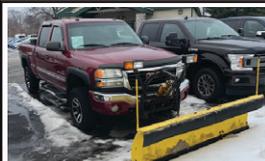
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