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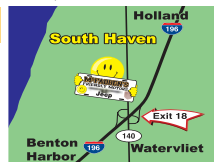
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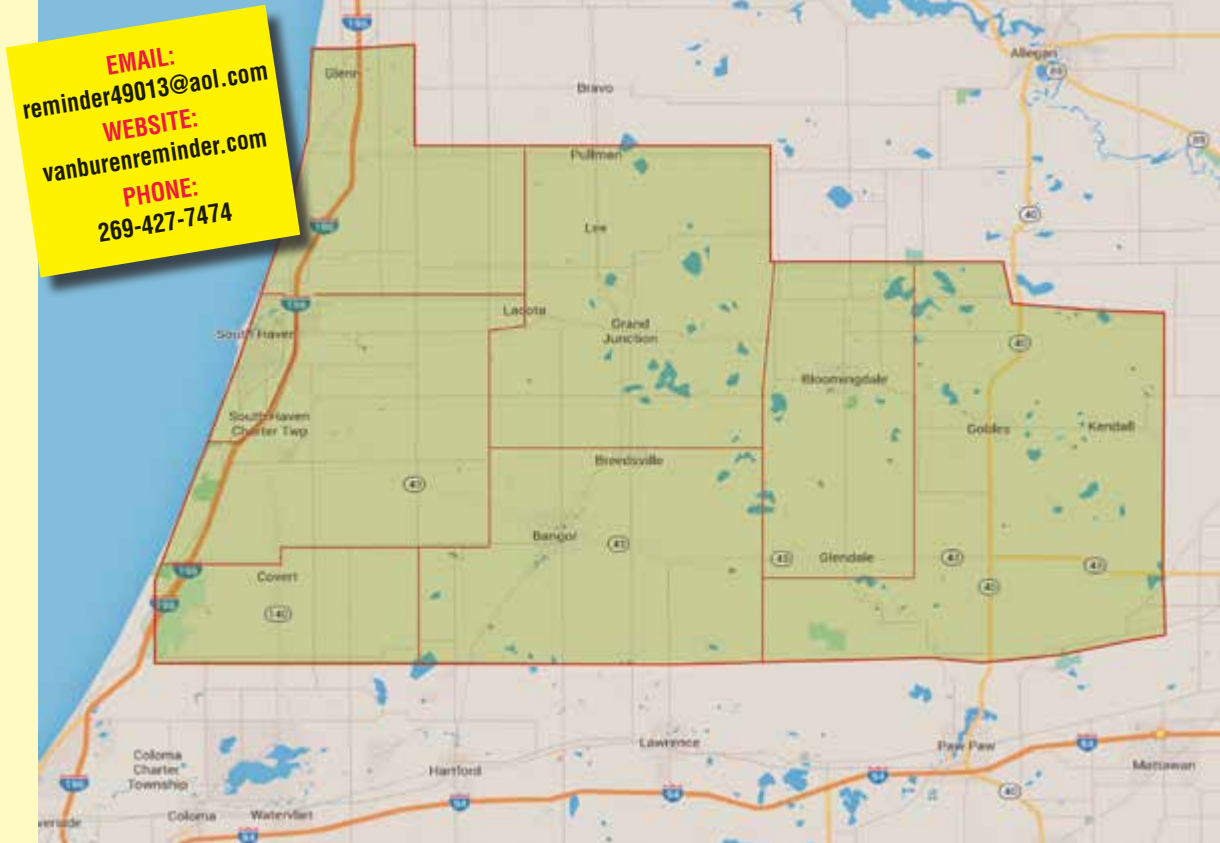
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Robert "Bob" Phillip Weber

Robert "Bob" Phillip Weber, 93, passed away suddenly at his residence in South Haven on November 22, 2024. He had recently moved to the River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven, where he informally established the "Bob Weber Museum of WWII Aviation." He was very proud of his collection of WWII model aircraft and related memorabilia.

Bob was a 1949 graduate of Berrien Springs High School and played on the school's football and basketball teams. He was the basketball team's leading scorer in both his junior and senior year. After graduating from high school, Bob worked as a die cast apprentice at New Products Corporation in Benton Harbor. He then worked as a fuel truck driver for Thiesen-Clemens delivering fuel oil to homes in the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area. By 1955, he became an agent for Thiesen-Clemens (later Priebe Brothers Oil Co. and then Pri-Mar Petroleum, Inc.) operating out of their Bangor Bulk Plant. From there he would deliver fuel oil, gasoline and other petroleum products throughout much of Van Buren County. He was a hardworking, good man and got to know practically every farmer and many homeowners in his service area. He would sit and chat after a delivery catching up on their lives. He loved his job and the customers he delivered to. After 45 years, he retired from the business in 2000. His son Scott and daughter-in-law Kelly manage the Bangor office and continue to provide these services to this day.

Bob also served on the Bangor City Council in 1968 when the city became a charter form of government. He also served as president of the Bangor Jaycees and sponsored and coached many little league baseball teams. Bob loved to tinker on just about anything, a great handy man, a great cook, loved hunting with Harry, mowing his lawn, coaching the little league teams, going to MSU football games with family, and traveling with Marian to Florida. Bob loved the MSU Marching Band and stood proudly when they would play "MSU Shadowns."

Bob was born August 20, 1931 in Chicago Illinois, the son of Nicholas P. Weber, Jr. and Mae Rose Weber (nee Vosmik). He is survived by his fiancée Marian Slentz, South Haven, sisters Mary Ann Setnicky, New Buffalo, MI and Nancy Mendenall, Lexington, South Carolina, sister-in-law Nancy Edgington, daughter Toni (Patrick) Markey, Beulah, MI, sons Harry (Mary) Weber, South Haven, Timothy (Luann) Weber, Mesa, AZ, Michael (Deborah) Weber, Poplar Bluff, MO, Robert Scott (Kelly) Weber, South Haven, MI and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren along with several nephews, nieces and their children. He is preceded in death by his wife Florence (nee Harris), brothers Richard and Gerald Weber, daughter Gail and sons Bruce and Patrick and numerous man's best friends, his rescue dogs.

A visitation will be held at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home on December 10, 2024 from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm and a funeral mass at St. Basil Catholic Church in South Haven on December 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm with Father Robert Flickinger officiating. Following the service, his ashes will be interred at Arlington Hill Cemetery in Bangor.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Al Van Humane Society, the Bangor Historical Society, St. Basil Catholic Church or Kalamazoo Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Museum.

To view Robert's personal web page please visit www.starksfamilyfh.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Filbrandt Chapel of Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, 269-637-0333.

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Advent is observed in most Christian denominations as a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. On the liturgical calendar, Advent falls between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and begins roughly four weeks prior to December 25 each year. Although the Bible doesn't say anything about observing the tradition of Advent, it has existed within the Christian church for centuries. Key symbols of Advent include lighting the Advent wreath at Mass each Sunday and counting down to Christmas with an Advent calendar.

Families that partake in the Advent countdown look to Advent calendars to help them stay on track. Advent calendars run the gamut from the simple to the elaborate. Although calendars can be purchased from various retailers, it can be a thoughtful and family-oriented project to make one at home for all to enjoy. The following are some ideas for crafty Advent calendars.

Psalms and scripture

Craft a simple Advent calendar that contains a series of cards that, when turned over, reveal a particular passage of scripture to read or a psalm that can be recited or sung. Choose passages that directly relate to

the birth of Jesus if you'd like.

Good deeds

Use Advent to focus on being a better person in preparation for the joy of Christmas. Behind each calendar date, children and adults can affix certain tasks that can help them strengthen their faith. Ideas can include volunteering at a charity, donating time at church, attending a special event featuring traditional Christmas carols, or making a meal and bringing it to an elderly neighbor.

Craft for youngsters

Very young children may not understand the significance of Advent, but they can still participate in the countdown to Christmas. One idea is to get a large, Christmas-related picture and attach it to a piece of poster board. Then cut out shapes from construction paper that relate to the image that will be attached over the image to conceal it. For example, a Christmas tree image can be covered by birds, ornaments, pine cones, and other shapes. Each day of Advent, kids can remove one of these coverings. By the time Christmas has arrived, the underlying image will be fully revealed.



Food focused

Many store-bought Advent calendars are cardboard creations with small doors that hide chocolates behind them. Often that chocolate is not very tasty. Families that love to spend time in the kitchen can have a living Advent calendar where each day is a new food adventure to whip up or purchase.

Advent calendars help people remain mindful of the time leading up to Christmas through meaningful reflection and time spent together. TF24C499



Notable Chanukah traditions

Each year on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev, which typically falls during the month of December, adherents of the Jewish faith celebrate the festival of Chanukah. Although Chanukah may not bear the same religious significance as other Jewish holidays, it is a well-known celebration.

Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple by the Maccabees in 165 BC after its desecration by the Syrians. Although there was not enough oil left to light the Temple for even one night, lamps remained illuminated for eight straight days and nights. Thus Chanukah is known as the Festival of Lights, which incorporates many unique traditions.

Lighting the menorah

Perhaps the most visible and important Chanukah tradition involves the menorah. While traditional Jewish menorahs have seven branches, the Chanukah menorah, known as the hanukiah, actually has nine branches. There are eight candles and a ninth, which is called the shamash, is used to light the other eight. The menorah is lit each night after sundown.

Giving of gelt

Chanukah gelt is money given as presents during the festival. It is typically offered to children and sometimes to teachers. Other gifts have now largely replaced the coins once offered, and gelt is sometimes chocolate.

Playing dreidel

Greek-Syrians outlawed Jewish studies at one point, so the Jews spun dreidels to pretend they were only playing games. Really they were engaged with their

scripture. The tradition of spinning the dreidel endures as a Chanukah tradition.

Foods fried in oil

The miracle of the burning oil extends to the foods enjoyed during Chanukah. Many of the holiday foods are prepared in oil, including latkes (fried potatoes) and sufganiyot, which are fried, jelly-filled doughnuts. According to Town & Country magazine, millions of jelly doughnuts are consumed in Israel throughout Chanukah.

Serving brisket

An authentic Chanukah celebration often includes traditional dishes served in the spirit of celebration and gratitude. Brisket is frequently prepared for Chanukah dinners. Brisket was adopted because it was affordable and delicious. Jewish brisket is braised, and served with carrots, potatoes and other vegetables. Brisket may be served alongside another Chanukah dish, kugel, which is a casserole made from eggs and noodles

Making cookies

Although Christmas cookies may be ubiquitous this time of year, cookies often are part of Chanukah traditions as well. Some cookies are cut to look like dreidels or stars. Those who want to incorporate the miracle of oil into their baking can seek recipes that use oil in place of butter in the cookie batters, something that can make them dairy-free and also vegan.

Chanukah begins on December 25, 2024, and will last through January 2, 2025. It's a festive time to embrace many time-honored traditions. TF24C487

Go 'mutts' for these pet gifts

Pet parents try to ensure their companion animals never want for anything. People will go to great lengths to pamper their pets with the best care, food and accessories. According to the American Pet Products Association, consumers in the United States spent \$147 billion on pets in 2023. And it's not just the essentials that have people opening up their wallets for pets. A 2022 YouGov survey found that 57 percent of owners buy holiday gifts for their pets and 40 percent host birthday celebrations.

With the holiday season on the horizon, there's a good chance that beloved pets are on gift lists this year, particularly for Gen Z pet owners. A study of 1,000 U.S. adults conducted by Talker Research for Newsweek found that Gen Z spends an average of \$148.50 on their pets each month, the highest of all surveyed. For those shopping for gifts their pets will enjoy, these options could have tails wagging.

- Treat dispenser: It isn't possible to be home with their pets all of the time. A dispenser that can be programmed to offer treats at certain intervals or connected to an app that enables a person to release one at the push of a button can be a nice gift to surprise stay-at-home pets.
- Puzzle toy: Pets need to keep their brains working; otherwise, they may

get bored and into trouble. A puzzle toy that has treats or kibble hidden behind panels helps pets remain mentally sharp.

- Pet booties: When the weather gets chilly, walking dogs outdoors on the ice and snow can be painful on their paws. A pair of booties can protect the delicate pads of pets' feet from ice melt products, snow and sharp objects.

- New bed: Upgrade a pet's bed to something even more lush and comfortable. A fleece blanket and a dedicated pet pillow can help pets feel even more pampered.

- Safety belt: Guarantee that trips in the car to the dog park or other excursions are safer by gifting a safety pet harness that works like a seatbelt in a vehicle.

- Grooming package: Everyone wins when a pet is washed, dried and primped to perfection. Professional groomers have the skills to tame excess fur and trim nails so pets smell wonderful and remain comfortable.
- New toys: Whether a pet is a parakeet or poodle, gifts of new toys can be engaging for animals who have grown bored with their old ones.

Be sure to wrap up clever gifts for pets so that every member of the family has something to enjoy come the holidays. TF24C484



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How to participate in Giving Tuesday

The excitement of the holiday season is palpable. Many people look forward to this time of year so they can deck their homes in lights and find gifts that will delight friends and family.

The spirit of giving that pervades the holiday season extends to Giving Tuesday, which comes on the heels of the busiest shopping days of the year. According to the Giving Tuesday website, Giving Tuesday is a movement that "reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity." Organizers feel that generosity is the avenue through which humanity can collectively strengthen its social fabric. Those who would like to harness the spirit of charitable giving can explore these ways to give back.

Get involved where it started

Giving Tuesday started with a team from the Belfer Center for Innovative & Social Impact in New York City. In November 2012, these individuals implored nonprofits, influencers and businesses to inspire others to get involved with acts of giving. The organization has many initiatives that people can support in addition to the original Giving Tuesday. Learn more at www.92ny.org/belfer-center.

Plant a community garden

Food insecurity is a problem in many neighborhoods across the country. Petition local city councils for a portion of

green spaces to devote to a community garden to grow produce for those who may need it. Doing so can foster a sense of camaraderie in communities.

Start a caremongering movement

Caremongering began as a community-led social movement to address health and social needs during the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. Caremongering is designed to help vulnerable people and can include anything from grocery shopping for those with mobility issues to virtually or physically socializing with others to combat social isolation. Those who want to caremonger can do many other things, like run emergency errands or help with childcare.

Donate goods and supplies

Areas of the southern United States experienced extreme devastation with the one-two punch of hurricanes Helene and Milton in early October. Natural disasters can displace families and push individuals to the brink as supplies become scarce. It is likely recovery efforts in areas wiped out by these storms will take months, underscoring the importance of continued support via donations and volunteer efforts.

Getting involved on Giving Tuesday is easier than one may imagine. Let this day sow the seeds of generosity for the entire year. TF24C502

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Uniform Response handled a 12-year-old Out of Control in Paw Paw Township. The juvenile assaulted family members, broke different items in the residence, and could not be controlled by the family. Deputies assisted in getting the suspect to the hospital to get the help he needed. The report will be sent over to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

Uniform Response got into a Pursuit in Arlington Township with a Stolen Side by Side. The side by side was stolen in Decatur Township and the victim didn't realize it yet. The victim was contacted, and the UTV was turned back over to him. Deputies are working the case and have a solid lead on the suspect. Once the suspect is located, the case can move forward from there.

Uniform Response Assisted Multiple Agencies in a Pursuit of a Stolen Vehicle Out of Kalamazoo. The pursuit started in Berrien County and ended in ours. Deputies were able to deploy stop sticks during the pursuit with a positive hit flattening the tires to end the pursuit. The suspect tried to bail and run but was quickly taken into custody.

Uniform Response handled Two School Threat Calls. Uniform Response, Detectives, School Resource Deputies, and Other Assisting Agencies were able to develop a suspect within a few hours of the calls. The 12-year-old is now facing charges for the incidents.

A Deputy made a Traffic Stop in Paw Paw on a Wanted Subject. The Deputy knew he was wanted and was going to be going to prison for his charges. The suspect refused to exit his vehicle, told the Deputy he was going to hit his patrol car as he was putting the truck into 4-wheel drive and leave. The Deputy stabbed the tire so the vehicle could not get too high speeds as the vehicle was leaving and initiated a pursuit. The office had information that the suspect was not going to prison and would shoot it out with the police. As he got close to his residence, we were able to box him in, get him stopped, and placed him in custody. He is now facing additional charges.

Detectives Assisted Paw Paw PD with a Self-Inflicted Gun Shot Wound. After the investigation was completed, it was indeed just that.

Uniform Response Recovered a Stolen ATV in Bloomingdale Township. The ATV was originally stolen from a residence in Allegan County. It was recovered abandoned on a dead-end road.

Uniform Response and Detectives Assisted Lawton PD with a Homicide. Although it's still an active investigation, two individuals are currently lodged for the incident. MSP Detectives also assisted, and it was a Great Team Effort to get all the information gathered and to where the case is currently at.

Uniform Response took an MDO (Malicious Destruction of Property)/Turfing Complaint at the Fairgrounds. The suspect and vehicle were still on scene upon arrival. At the time, contact couldn't be made to the individual who can make the decision for prosecution. After contact is made, it'll be sent to the Prosecutors Office if the individual in charge of the grounds wishes to pursue charges.

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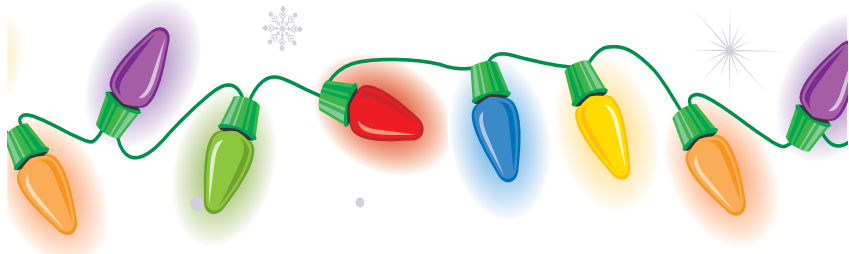
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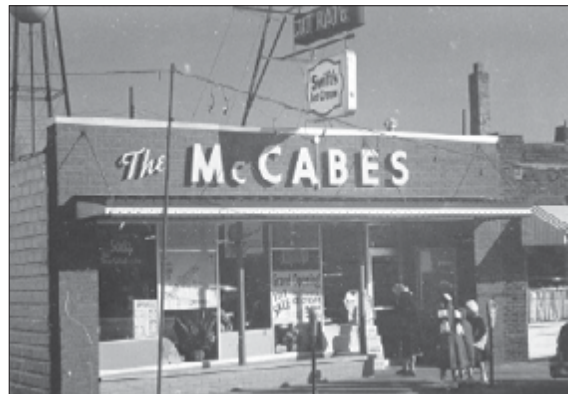
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Get a head start on New Year's resolutions

After the rush of the holiday season has largely ended, and the excess of the season starts to weigh on celebrants' minds, it is customary for many people to start thinking about the changes they want to implement in the new year. According to a Pew Research Center survey of United States adults conducted in January 2024, 30 percent of people reported making at least one resolution, with half of this group making more than one. The survey also found that young adults are the most likely to make New Year's resolutions, with 49 percent of those between the ages 18 and 29 saying they have made a resolution. It's never too early to start thinking about what to improve upon in 2025, or which goals to set. Here are some common resolutions and how to implement them.

- **Exercise more.** Getting in shape is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions every year. Gym memberships spike and people often invest in home exercise equipment around this time of year. According to the American College of Sports Medicine, wearable technology continues to be a top trend in fitness and has been a mainstay since 2016. While Fitbit and the Apple Watch series have remained strong contenders, one also may want to invest in the Garmin Vivomove, which boasts wireless charging. Tracking fitness goals can keep those resolutions going strong.
- **Improve mental well-being.** Getting in shape is not the only health-related goal this time of year. Mental health also comes into play when people make their resolutions. Taking opportunities to slow down and be more mindful can help. One way to do so is through journaling. Human behavior expert and author Natalie Friscia Pancetti, says journaling reduces stress, helps with anxiety, encourages confidence, and can improve perceptions. This is why she developed a journal with inspirational writing prompts as a companion to her "This Too" book and planner.
- **Quit smoking.** Quitting smoking is a worthy goal. Health care experts know smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer and has been linked to more than 27 diseases. Many people want to quit smoking, but the Mayo Clinic says only about 5 percent of people who try to quit succeed without a smoking cessation product. Nicotine replacement items are some of the most popular smoking cessation tools. For those who want to go drug-free, Fim is a device that addresses the three major components of habit formation that occur with smoking. Employing flavored air, the device replaces the fixation of the hand-to-mouth habit with non-addictive plant extracts that are inhaled, simulating smoking without the negative effects.
- **Learn a new language.** Learning a new skill or language is another popular resolution. Today there are many apps available to help people learn one or more new languages. From Duolingo to Babbel to Memrise, there are programs available whether one is a visual learner or wants to jump right into specific phrases.

Many people get a jump-start on identifying their resolutions in early- to mid-December so they'll be ready to move forward come New Year's Day. TF24C509

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