The holidays are our biggest wine selling time of the year.

gus asmaro
Owner/wine buyer at Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop

The right bottle, at the right price, right in your area

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you’re looking for a great bottle of wine to bring along to your next party, or want to try a sparkling new variety while dining out, this is the year of wine.

“Wine is more popular than ever,” said Gus Asmaro, owner/wine buyer at Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop in Fenton. “There are literally thousands to choose from.”

So how do you go about choosing a wine? First, it helps to know a little about the process.

Wine is the fermented juice of grapes, yet that doesn’t explain the complexities and subtleties of wine and its flavor, according to The Global Gourmet, a foodie website. Wine gets its flavor from three different places: the grape itself, the climate where the grapes are grown and the winemaking process.

FIVE OF THE MOST POPULAR WINES

1. Pinot Grigio — one of the world’s most popular wines, made from grapes grown in the cooler parts of northern Italy and Alsace, and is also home here in Michigan.
2. Sauvignon Blanc — typically considered a warm weather wine, this dry white can be found all over the world. This is a white wine that is influenced by where it is grown.
3. Pinot Noir — this is a great red grape of Burgundy and is commonly used in sparkling wine production. Flavors range from dark fruit to spicy horseradish.
4. Chardonnay — America’s most popular grape, it’s always a good fall back white wine. It’s been known to have a tropical fruit tang to it, depending on where and how the wine is produced. It can also feature flavors of white fruit or vanilla.
5. Cabernet Sauvignon — known as the “king of red wine grapes,” it has been a very popular grape throughout Europe and the U.S. Black currant, anise and cedar dominate the flavors found in this wine. But occasionally, this grape is combined with others to make a Bordeaux blend-style wine.

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Living paycheck to paycheck?

A flexible, workable budget will change your entire financial future

By Sally Rummel

Money doesn’t come with instructions. That’s why nearly half of all Americans live paycheck to paycheck, with little emergency savings and too much debt.

A total of 44 percent of U.S. households of four have less than $5,887 in “liquid assets,” according to a recent report by the Corporation for Enterprise Development.

This financial insecurity affects people in more ways than you might think, from low credit scores that impact their buying power to using high-interest credit cards or payday loans when emergencies arise.

Local financial planners say that about half of their clients do not have a budget to structure their spending — a statistic that correlates with the report that half of Americans live paycheck to paycheck.

“The people who have money have a budget,” said Kevin Messing, Edward Jones financial advisor in Fenton. “If you write it down, you can find ways to change your spending habits to help improve your financial picture. We can sit down and do it with you, which will help you visualize your spending.”

Rob Harris of Harris Financial Services said it well on a sign outside their Fenton offices: “Act your wage.”

The sign, pointing to the importance of living within, if not under, your means, “Debt is slavery,” said Harris. “You think there’s freedom in making purchases you don’t have money to pay for, but the freedom comes when you have enough money to live on and share.”

Sarah Duncan, chartered financial consultant at The State Bank Wealth Management Department, says that the name of her department can be misleading. “You don’t have to have ‘wealth’ to use our services,” she said. “We offer peaceful retirement at www.tctimes.com.

Whatever stage of life or finances you are in, you can benefit from financial advice offered by America’s most trusted financial expert, Dave Ramsey. Through his books, starting with “Total Money Makeover” to his nine-week series of on-site classes, Financial Peace University, you will learn the basics of budgeting, getting out of debt, planning for the future, and learning how to give.

The cornerstone of the Dave Ramsey program are the seven Baby Steps that will get you out of debt one step at a time — from saving for a $1,000 emergency fund, to “debt snowballing” from your smallest (most achievable) to your largest debt, amassing three to six months of savings, retirement savings, college funding, mortgage pay-off and more.

“I definitely support Dave Ramsey’s financial program,” said Rob Harris of Harris Financial Services in Fenton. “You can Google the Dave Ramsey Budget Worksheet and get a PDF to start the budgeting process at home.”

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For Kevin Messing, Edward Jones financial advisor, Ramsey’s well-known envelope cash system is what he learned at home long before Ramsey was a household name.
“When I was 18 and had my first job, my dad gave me five envelopes,” said Messing, 54. “One was for car insurance, church (10 percent), savings (10 percent), rent (at home), discretionary for me to spend. When I bought my first house in my 20s, I had saved enough to pay cash for it, thanks, in part, to the ‘rent money’ my dad gave back to me.”
Today, Messing uses a computer spreadsheet for budgeting, but still keeps those same principles in mind.
For information on local or nearby Financial Peace University classes scheduled for early in 2015, visit daveramsey.com.

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a full-service financial platform, from budgeting to paying down debt, risk management, tax planning, retirement planning and education savings plans. Stop in and see if we can help you. We offer a complimentary consultation with no obligation.”
If the word “budget” is intimidating or scary the first time you approach it, take a deep breath and relax. Visualizing your spending is the exact opposite of confining; it actually gives you freedom and planned spontaneity.
“Money doesn’t come with instructions,” said Harris, “That’s why we are here. The biggest mistake people make with money is spending money they don’t have.”

How to make a budget
• **Follow the money** — track your spending for a month. Record every purchase no matter how small, including ATM fees.
• **Make savings contributions** automatically. A good rule of thumb is to allocate at least 10 percent of your earnings toward savings, using direct deposit to pay yourself first. Short-term savings can be held in a savings account, CD or money market fund.
• **Define spending and priorities.** About 20 percent of your earnings should be earmarked for housing and utilities. Another 10 percent of earnings can be tailored to something specific, like a new car or a child’s education.
• **Pay with cash** for non-essential items, to prevent overspending with a credit or debit card.
• **Strategically pay down debt.** You’ll never get ahead if you are making big interest payments. Not having to pay interest is the same economically as earning interest.
• **Build a safety net** for rainy day emergencies, about three to six months of living expenses. Set aside any financial windfalls, from bonuses to tax refunds or yearly raises.
• **Live within your means**. Spend less than you earn.

Source: bankrate.com

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Each grape varietal is different, referring to the type of grape used in making wine. Some varietals are sturdier while others are more delicate. Some will develop more sugar while growing than others will. The climate in which a grape is grown has a tremendous affect on the wine, depending on the amount of sunlight each vine gets, the length of the growing season, the mineral content of the soil and the temperature of the region.
Asmaro sells many California wines, as well as some from Italy, France, Ar- gentina and, of course, Michigan.
“Michigan wines are great tasting, especially the sweet wines,” he said. One of his favorite wines is the Late Harvest Riesling from Black Star Farms in the Grand Traverse Bay region.
He also highly recommends a California Cabernet Sauvignon, widely known as the “king of red wines.” Typically full-bodied and complex, this big Bordeaux varietal pairs nicely with red meats and game, according to Eating Well magazine.
It can be intimidating, especially if you’re not sure about someone’s taste in wine. “Your safest way to go in that case is with a Pinot Noir,” said Asmaro. “It’s a lighter red.”
When you know someone’s favorite wine, gift giving becomes much easier. You can always buy them a bottle of their favorite, or you can take thoughtfulness a step further. Contact the wine producer to find out their recommendation in their “special release” selections or get advice on an upgrade in the same or similar palate spectrum as their favorite wine.
Does price really matter? Asmaro says it does, especially when comparing a $10 bottle to a $70 or $80 bottle. “The texture, even the way the wine looks and smells, is much richer with the more expensive bottle,” he said.
His recommendations at different price points:
**A $10 bottle** — Go with a Stephen Vincent Cabernet, Merlot or Chardonnay.
**A $15 bottle** — Try a Ca’ Momi Merlot or an Anne Amie Pinot Grigio. The latter is one of the best I have bought; it’s so clean and crisp.
**A $20 bottle** — Buy a Ca’ Momi Cabernet. “That’s my number one selling wine.”
What’s Asmaro’s most expensive wine at Merchants? “We carry Opus One at $269 a bottle and a Quilceda Creek at $219.95,” he said.
He said their cheapest bottle is actually a very good deal. “We’ll be selling Chianti at $5.99 a bottle or two for $10. It used to be $12 per bottle. For the money, it’s very good.”

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Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) √ YES □ NO
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Senate Bill 1130: Mandate Hepatitis disclosure to sex partner
To make it a felony for an individual who knows he or she has Hepatitis C to have sex without telling the sex partner about having the disease. This already applies to AIDS.
Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate
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Senate Bill 247: Authorize some 4 a.m. liquor licenses
To allow bars and restaurants in a “central business district” of a city to stay open until 4:00 a.m. on weekends if they pay a $10,000 annual fee and have extra bouncers and security cameras.
Passed 22 to 14 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County) √ YES □ NO
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House Bill 4998: Appoint “entrepreneurs-in-residence” at Michigan Strategic Fund
To require the state agency responsible for granting and overseeing selective tax breaks and subsidies granted to particular corporations or developers to appoint up to 10 “entrepreneurs-in-residence” to recommend ways to expand and improve these programs.
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Senate Bill 1135: Impose new child car seat mandates
To require a child who weighs less than 30 pounds to be transported in a forward-facing child seat; and a child who weighs from 30 to 50 pounds to be transported in a forward-facing child seat. Age would not be a factor in the above mandates. A child under age 10 who is less than 57 inches tall would have to be transported in a booster seat.
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House Bill 5958: Enact a “religious freedom restoration act”
To establish that the state or a local government “shall not substantially burden a person’s exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability,” unless this is done “in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest” and uses “the least restrictive means” to further that interest.
Passed 59 to 50 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arbor Township) √ YES □ NO

Senate Bill 1103: Extend film producer subsidies
To extend the law authorizing state subsidy payments to some film productions until 2022 (under current law it ends in 2017), and make some changes to the subsidy allocation formula. This year, $50 million was appropriated for these subsidies.
Passed 73 to 37 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arbor Township) √ YES □ NO

House Bill 4539: Phase out sales tax on fuel sales
To phase out charging the 6 percent sales tax on motor fuel sales over six years. House Bill 5477 would gradually increase the motor fuel tax by an equivalent amount. The bill requires the legislature to continue funding schools and local government revenue sharing at least as much as the previous year (this is where most sales tax revenue goes). If it did not, then the 6 percent sales tax would automatically be re-imposed on fuel sales. The bills would shift about $1 billion more from current state spending to roads each year when fully phased in.
Passed 56 to 53 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arbor Township) √ YES □ NO

House Bill 5477: Replace per-gallon fuel tax with higher wholesale tax
To replace the current 19-cent per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 7.5 percent wholesale fuel tax, gradually increasing to 13.5 percent over six years. When fully phased-in this would represent a tax hike of around $1.0 billion at current wholesale fuel prices. However, House Bill 4539 would phase out the state sales tax on fuel sales over the same period if enacted, resulting in no net tax increase.
Passed 58 to 51 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Arbor Township) √ YES □ NO
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**Lester L. “Les” Root** - 1939-2014

Lester L. “Les” Root was a panelist and presenter at several AP Radio and Television News Directors Association and NBC News Affiliates Association Seminars. During his tenure at WDFB, there were six ownership changes with four more mergers after he left. The last owner, Cumulus Media, sold to Disney Corporation in 2002, but retained Les as News Director for the four station cluster. After 53 years, he would receive the highest honor of being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on April 22, 2005. Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Maxine; daughters, Jennifer Dasczynski of Columbus, MO, Jackie (Brian) Sweeney of Maryland/DC; (Robert) McCrory of Nevada, MO, Shelli (Michael) Odern of Grand Rapids, Susan (Loren) Jackson of Flint, Shawn Ochs of Linden, Michelle (Dean) Holland of Burton; grandchil
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ee Hose. Also, a special thank you to the staff and management of the Bob Evans Restaurant in Fenton for their kind and generous support. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary pages of sharpfuneralhomes.com.


**Lester L. “Les” Root** - 1939-2014

Lester L. “Les” Root was a panelist and presenter at several AP Radio and Television News Directors Association and NBC News Affiliates Association Seminars. During his tenure at WDFB, there were six ownership changes with four more mergers after he left. The last owner, Cumulus Media, sold to Disney Corporation in 2002, but retained Les as News Director for the four station cluster. After 53 years, he would receive the highest honor of being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on April 22, 2005. Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Maxine; daughters, Jennifer Dasczynski of Columbus, MO, Jackie (Brian) Sweeney of Maryland/DC; (Robert) McCrory of Nevada, MO, Shelli (Michael) Odern of Grand Rapids, Susan (Loren) Jackson of Flint, Shawn Ochs of Linden, Michelle (Dean) Holland of Burton; grandchil
dren, Megan, Mariah, Alessandra, David, Candice, Derek, Natalie, Katie, Sam, Sarah, Ty
er, Christian, Alia and Alex and Akiva, five great-grandchildren. Thanks and gratitude to special friends, Steve and Sher
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**Sally Lee Bush** - age 87, of Linden, left this earth late on the evening of December 5, 2014. A celebration of Sally’s life was held at 11 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Following the service, Sally was entombed at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Sally’s family invited all who knew her to a visitation that was held Monday, December 8, 2014 from 4-8 PM at the funeral home. Sally entered this world on August 10, 1927 in Saginaw, the daughter of Stephen and Anna Martuch. The best day of her life was June 18, 1948 when she married the love of her life, Leon Bush, in Flint. They spent the next 66 years, some months and 16 days on their honeymoon. Sally’s spirit, grace, class, style, upbeat attitude, beauty and ever-present smile will live on through her beloved daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Sally was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Spring Meadows Country Club. She is survived by her husband, Leon, daughter Bethany and husband Craig Rockman, granddaughter, Richard and wife Jennifer Koester; Kai and husband Dr. Partha Nandi; great-grandchildren, Annie and Elke Koester, Charley Beth Holcomb, Leon and Shaan Nandi; sister, Lynne Case; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert Martuch. The family would like to thank Hospice Advantage and caregivers Tammy and Tommy for their loving care of Sally over the past several months. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary pages of sharpfuneralhomes.com.
Parents are dialed in on teen’s first phone

DEAR AMY:
I recently got a phone for my 14th birthday. With the new phone came lots of rules. I have a Kik and a Snapchat app and an Instagram account, etc. (like most teenagers), but my parents decided that they should be able to go through my phone and all my social networking accounts whenever they feel the need. I don’t like this because my friends say things my parents would find inappropriate and then my friends get in trouble with my parents. Your thoughts? — Violated

DEAR VIOLATED:
My take is that when friends or social connections behave inappropriately, they should be in trouble with you (not just your parents). Confusion, raised conceptions, misrepresentations, mild (and not so mild) bullying, gossiping, exclusion, etc., are almost universal experiences when people first explore this exhilarating world of free expression on social media. The whole idea is to develop good habits and be open about your concerns. Your parents are the ones who get to be in charge of your phone — for now. Your loss of privacy is a tradeoff you have to accept.

Pitted nails reveal psoriatic arthritis

DR. ROACH:
I am a 77-year-old male. I had to stop playing golf about two years ago due to joint pain. I had psoriasis from age 15 until I was 40. I am retired from the Navy and had to be hospitalized twice during my time in service due to my skin. Why it disappeared at age 40, I don’t know. Is it possible that I could have psoriatic arthritis? One doctor I saw said that I had to have psoriasis in order to get it. I saw that you said that sometimes the arthritis shows up before the skin lesions. Can it show up after you have quit having the lesions? — Anon.

ANSWER:
Indeed, psoriatic arthritis can show up years after psoriasis starts and when there are no skin lesions. Often, pits in the nails or other nail changes are seen in those with psoriatic arthritis. However, having psoriasis doesn’t protect you from other types of arthritis, such as osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Since psoriatic arthritis is so destructive, you should see an expert, perhaps a rheumatologist. The arthritis booklet discusses rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus.

SUNDAE SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Recipe from mybaconwrappedlife.com

INGREDIENTS:
• 6 C. popped corn
• 6 T. unsalted butter
• 1/2 C. brown sugar
• 1/2 t. vanilla
• 1/8 t. salt
• 1/8 t. baking soda
• 2 T. Sriracha

DIRECTIONS
1. Preheat oven to 250°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Put your popped corn in a large (heat-safe) bowl for mixing with the caramel later.
2. In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. When totally melted, stir in the brown sugar until well-combined. Bring the mixture to a boil, then boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly so nothing sticks to the bottom and sides of the pan. Remove from the heat and set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, combine the vanilla, salt, baking soda, and Sriracha. Pour the mixture into the caramel (it will bubble up a bit) and stir very quickly and thoroughly until all combined and smooth.
4. Pour the caramel sauce over the popcorn and toss very gently until all pieces are evenly coated with caramel. Spread out in an even single layer on the baking sheet and bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, tossing every 15 minutes to make sure nothing sticks. Cool to room temp and either package up or serve!

PG, 1 hr. 55 min

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