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Safety camp set for Watervliet-area kids

WATERVLIET — A one-day safety camp for kids who will be fourth- and fifth-graders in the fall will take place 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Watervliet Middle School, organizers said.

Watervliet fire and police departments, Pride Care ambulance service and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and health department will participate in the educational event. The cost is \$25, and will include meals and a T-shirt. To register, or to volunteer,

call 463-0046 or email ahilker@yahoo.com. Proceeds will benefit the Watervliet High School after-prom event.

LMC to host emerging careers workshop

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College will host an emerging careers open house at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Mendel Center's Dance & Drama Room (F-117) on the Napier Avenue Campus, LMC announced.

The free event is designed to help adults who

are thinking about going back to school or pursuing a new career. The event will feature LMC President Bob Harrison outlining the latest national, regional, and local trends in job markets.

Leslie Kellogg, dean of Career Education and Workforce Development, will discuss new professional programs at the college, as well as significant upgrades to existing ones.

Personalized sessions will feature advising, career demonstrations, job placement and salary expectations.

Next meeting on city income tax July 24

BENTON HARBOR — The next town hall meeting on the Benton Harbor city income tax proposal will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at City Hall. This takes the place of the previously announced July 27 meeting, which has been cancelled.

It is being presented by the Benton Harbor City Commission Income Tax Review Committee, which is chaired by Commissioner Trenton Bowens. Bowens said there will be two special guests at the meeting.

Awareness event set for birth defect

ST. JOSEPH — Non-profit organization Avery's Angels Michigan State HUB will host its second annual Gastroschisis Awareness Day on Saturday, July 27, in Lion's Park in support of those afflicted and for finding a cure.

The event is noon to 5 p.m. and features games, a silent auction, a craft table and a treasure hunt, organizers announced.

Gastroschisis is a birth defect in which some or all of an infant's intestines

and other internal organs protrude from the abdomen. Major surgery is required to repair the condition, and there can be related health problems afterward.

An estimated one in 2,229 babies are born with the condition.

Among the event organizers is Jennifer MacKay, whose daughter, Serena, was born with the condition 20 months ago. MacKay, her husband, Michael, and Serena moved from St. Joseph to Kalamazoo in recent months.