

IN BRIEF

Census report topic of Aug. 23 meeting

NILES — John Egelhaaf, executive director of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, will speak on "Making Sense of the Census: How Does Southwest Michigan Rate?" at a Friday, Aug. 23, lunch meeting at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve co-sponsored by Fernwood and the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties and Fernwood.

Egelhaaf will present the planning commission's research on how Southwest Michigan is performing on six benchmarks: population vitality, economic strength, personal prosperity, community well being, lifelong learning and the role of governance.

The meeting will start at noon with a lunch. Cost is \$13, and reservations must be made by the end of the day Tuesday. For reservations, call Fernwood at 695-6491 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Fernwood is at 13988 Range Line Road, Niles.

Veterans group sets annual picnic

NEW TROY — The Papan-Mamasan Korean Veterans Association will hold its annual picnic at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Troy Wee-Chick Post 518 on Wee-Chick Road. A social hour begins at noon.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. Dinnerware, meat and beverage will be provided. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Bill Miller at 471-1405 or Don Holmes at 695-1133.

Three Oaks Museum hosts ice cream social

THREE OAKS — The Region of Three Oaks Museum, 5 Featherbone Ave., will have a free ice cream social from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday to celebrate its first anniversary.

And because of a grant from the Pokagon Fund,

the museum is also celebrating improvements including a new front porch, a hand-crafted wood entry desk, replacement glass tops on display cases and a finished parking lot.

Singles group to have kickoff event Monday

ST. JOSEPH — A new singles group, 3D Singles, will have a community kickoff event at 7 p.m. Monday at The Chapel, EFC, 4250 Washington Ave.

This evening is open to singles of all ages throughout Southwest Michigan and includes dinner, games and getting to know each other.

This group is founded on the principle that people are shaped and molded by their surroundings and relationships and that there are three types of relationships to strengthen: personal relationships with God, relationships with other singles, and relationships to our community.

Regular 3D Singles meetings will be held weekly at The Chapel, EFC starting Monday, Sept. 9. Weekly events will rotate between spiritual education, social gatherings and community service.

For more information, visit YourPlaceToBelong.com/3DSingles.

Historical society sets annual picnic

VOLINIA — The Cass County Historical Society will host its annual picnic at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the east shelter at Newton Woods on Marcellus Highway.

Members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. Beverages will be provided.

For more information, call 782-5721.

Clark Salaried Retirees Club meets Aug. 21

BUCHANAN — The Clark Salaried Retirees Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Buchanan Community Center, Oak and Roe streets.

Dan Fette, Berrien Coun-

ty community development director, will give a program on the rehabilitation of Benton Harbor neighborhoods by a joint effort of Berrien County, the Michigan Housing Authority and the city of Benton Harbor.

For more information, call Don Ryman at 695-6552.

Berrien Genealogical Society meets Aug. 21

STEVENSVILLE — The Berrien County Genealogical Society will host Tracy Gierada, executive director and curator of North Berrien Historical Museum, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Lincoln Township Library, 2099 W. John Beers Road.

Gierada will speak on "Interurban Railways of Southwest Michigan." Her article, "The Paw Paw Lake Division: A Look at the Interurban Era," was published by the Historical Society of Michigan in 2012.

The public is welcome.

Meeting slated about WWII European tour

BENTON HARBOR — Lest We Forget will sponsor a European tour visiting World War II landmarks in July 2014.

An introductory meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Lake Michigan College's Benton Harbor campus in the Blue Lecture Hall.

Cost for the tour ranges from \$4,205 to \$4,690 for adults and \$3,810 to \$4,295 for students under 20.

To view the tour online, go to www.eftours.com/1449819.

For more information, contact Don Alsbro at 921-7176 or dealsbro@comcast.net.

LMC grad receives LEEP scholarship

NILES — Lake Michigan College graduate Sarah Lighthart is among 21 top students who will receive \$1,000 college scholarships to encourage their pursuit of law enforcement/public safety careers by the professional public safety offi-

cers of the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP). Lighthart is a graduate of Niles High School.

Lighthart is pursuing a degree in biochemistry with a concentration in forensic science at Cedar Crest College. Her father is a Berrien County sheriff's deputy, and her grandfather was a Berrien County undersheriff.

LEEP, in its ninth year, has awarded some \$102,000 in scholarships to students showing a demonstrated interest in public service/law enforcement careers. The nonprofit public safety group's scholarship program is made possible by a growing list of national supporters.

Area student named to national society

ATLANTA, Ga. — Lakeshore High School student Mrinalini Sugosh of Stevensville has been selected to become a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, it was announced last month.

The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

Sugosh is the daughter of Sugosh Venicataraman and Padmini Sugosh.

Edward Jones office seeks school donations

STEVENSVILLE — The Stevensville branch of Edward Jones, 3069 W. John Beers Road, is collecting school supplies to help Lakeshore Public School students.

People can drop off glue sticks, pencils, pens, notebook paper, printer paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, crayons, dry-erase markers, backpacks and other school supplies for K-12 students.

The office will accept donations from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays through Aug. 30.