

IN BRIEF

CMW presents 'Shrek' musical this weekend

STEVENSVILLE — Children's Music Workshop presents "Shrek: The Musical" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at Lakeshore Community Auditorium at Lakeshore High School, 5771 Cleveland Ave.

Based on the animated film, the musical is set in a faraway kingdom which is turned upside down when an unseemly ogre – not the handsome prince – rescues a feisty princess.

The CMW production, directed by Susan Matheny, features a cast of 81 Southwest Michigan children, led by Max Daniel, Lindsey Winans, Cameron Hampton, Nathan Neidlinger, Katie Preston, Ben Miller and Aidan Diefenbach.

Tickets are \$10, \$6 for students and seniors.

For more information, call 422-2930 or visit www.cmwonline.org.

LMC music ensembles perform fall concert

BENTON HARBOR — The Lake Michigan College Jazz Band, Chamber Players, String Ensemble and Gospel Ensemble presents their Fall Fine Arts Concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Hanson Theatre of LMC's Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The program includes selections from saxophonist

Oliver Nelson's jazz album, "The Blues and The Abstract Truth"; "Pavane" and "Allemande" by Johann Herman Schein; "Rondo Alla Turca" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; "Valse des Fluers" from Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"; and "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by Roland Carter.

Tickets are \$7, \$5 for students and seniors.

For more information, call 927-1221 or 927-8876.

Susan Collins Thoms signs 'Christmas' book

ST. JOSEPH — Author Susan Collins Thoms will sign copies of her picture book, "The Twelve Days of



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Christmas in Michigan," from 6-9 p.m. Friday at Forever Books, 312 State St.

In the book, Katie writes home describing the history, geography, animals and interesting sites she has explored during a visit with her cousin, Will.

Thoms uses the traditional carol to present amusing state trivia at the end of each letter.

Admission is free. Books are \$12.95.

For more information, call 982-1110 or visit foreverbooks.net.