

## IN BRIEF

### SMC nursing grads receive their pins

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College nursing graduates were awarded pins May 3 in the theater of the Dale A. Lyons Building.

Receiving associate degrees in nursing were Julie Barnett, David Blank, Jenna Dowling and Joeline Little of Niles; Michelle Brooks of Lawton; Gabrielle Dorman and Justin Squier of Dowagiac; Rachel Johnson and Carol Ross of Paw Paw; Ashley Solloway of Cassopolis; and Amy York of Galien.

Licensed practical nurse graduates were Delaina Croom and DeLynda Virgil of Niles; Cody Dorman and Cynthia Presnall of Dowagiac; Anna Kellogg of Hartford; Amy Mann of Buchanan; Christopher Mitchell of Cassopolis; and Julianne Searles of Berrien Center.

### Harbor Country art fair on tap May 24

NEW BUFFALO — Arts and fine crafts by 70 artists will be featured in the fifth annual Harbor County Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at St. John United Church of Christ, 200 W. Buffalo.

The show will include framed paintings in watercolor and oil, jewelry, braided rugs, bird feeders, decorative jewelry boxes and home decor items.

Snacks and lunch items will be available for purchase. For more information, visit [www.stjohnartsandcraftshow.weebly.com](http://www.stjohnartsandcraftshow.weebly.com), email [craftfair200@att.net](mailto:craftfair200@att.net) or call 734-277-3180.

### Federal employees group to meet May 27

BENTON HARBOR — Southwest Michigan Chapter 572 of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Super Buffet, 1956 Pipestone Road.

All retired and current federal employees, spouses and families are welcome. No reservations are required. For information, call Jean Rowe at 782-2769 or email [jeanrowe70@comcast.net](mailto:jeanrowe70@comcast.net).

### SJHS orchestra, band headed to California

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph High School's band and orchestra will perform a Bon Voyage Concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in the John and Dede Howard Auditorium at the high school in preparation to

travel to California to represent Michigan in the National Festival of the States.

There is no admission charge for the concert, but donations are welcome.

The ensembles were invited by the mayors of Los Angeles and San Francisco, and will perform in June at several venues in the two cities. They will pay tribute to iconic American composers and themes including Aaron Copland, Stephen Schwartz, John Philip Sousa and selections such as "Prelude on an Early American Folk Hymn," "A Copland Tribute" and "Shenandoah."

The students will join the Giocoso Youth Orchestra in Los Angeles for a special combined performance and in San Francisco will perform at the San Francisco Community Auditorium near the United Nations Plaza.

### 'Girls night in' to support Relay For Life

GALIEN — The Everyday Angels Relay Team invites the public to join a "girls night in" from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Community of Christ Church, 110 N. Cleveland Road, to raise money for Relay For Life.

The \$5 entry fee covers food and entry into door prize drawings. Vendors include Thirty-One, Origami Owl, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Avon, Pampered Chef, It Works Global, Scentsy, Tupperware, Pure Solace and The Buttery.

For more information, call Jenn Chubb at 426-0646.

### Four initiated into national honor society

BATON ROUGE, La. — Justin Melick of Bridgman, Kimberly Osbeck of Decatur, Ashlynn Loenser of Niles and David Pozivilko of St. Joseph recently were initiated into the Grand Valley University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

They are among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

### Students earn early degrees at LMC

BENTON HARBOR — Six Lake Michigan College students are part of the class of 2014 — at both the high school and college level.

The students, who par-

ticipated in the college's Early College Academy at the Bertrand Crossing Campus, are Hunter Dickinson, Buchanan, Associate in Arts; Joseph Francis, Certificate of Achievement; Reshawn Preston, Niles, Certificate of Achievement; Jiaxin (Leah) Teng, Brandywine, Associate in Arts; Alexandra Wilson, Brandywine, Associate in Arts; and Ashlynn Young, Niles, Associate in Arts.

They were recognized at the 67th annual commencement ceremony May 4 at LMC's main campus.

The Early College Academy allows high school students to enroll in college classes, earning credit toward college while also satisfying requirements for high school graduation.

### ARS plans summer camps for ages 5-17

BENTON HARBOR — The ARS Gallery/ Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., Benton Harbor, is offering four one-week art camps for children ages 5-17 this summer. Three of the camps will focus on the art and culture of France, and the fourth camp, for teens, will focus on intensive studio arts.

A student artists' reception will be held on the last day of each week of camp.

Camp costs are \$125, \$140 and \$160, depending on the week.

For more information, visit [annarussoart.com](http://annarussoart.com) or call 277-5090 or 208-4409.

### LMC student, faculty member honored

BENTON HARBOR — Preston Nickell of Benton Harbor has been named the Lake Michigan College TRIO Student Support



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Services Student of the Year. LMC faculty member Nick Brittin was awarded the program's Outstanding Contributor Award. The awards were

presented at the Student Support Services recognition reception.

The Student of the Year award honors an LMC student who has demonstrated leadership, academic achievement and active participation in the program. Nickell, a radiologic technology student, will receive a \$500 LMC Foundation-sponsored scholarship to continue his educational pursuits.

Brittin joined Lake Michigan College in 2007 as an adjunct faculty mem-

ber of the English department. In 2010, he became a full-time English instructor at LMC.

### Brenk receives Spirit of Nursing award

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College's nursing program has selected Kelsey Brenk of Stevensville as its annual Spirit of Nursing award recipient from among 44 registered nursing graduates.



BRENK

Brenk, who attended Lowell High School near Grand Rapids, received her Associate in Applied Science degree with honors during the college's commencement exercise May 4. She was named to the dean's list three times during her time at LMC.

She has a bachelor's degree in clinical exercise science from Grand Valley State University.

### 5 students receive Masonic scholarships

THREE OAKS — Masonic Lodge 239 has announced their recipients for the 2014 Masonic Scholarship Program.

They are college student Amber Bolton, and graduating River Valley High School seniors Mercedes Derkacy, Kelsey Koeller, Devin Morrow and James Ragosta Jr. Each student will receive \$600.

Funding for the Michigan Masonic Scholarship Program is a joint effort between local Masonic lodges in Michigan and the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.

### UFCU donates \$10K to Boys & Girls Club work

BENTON HARBOR — United Federal Credit Union donated \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor to help provide a high-speed broadband connection between its teen center and youth campus.

The project involves connecting both buildings with high-speed fiber optic capability using the existing and under-utilized fiber optic ring owned by Benton Harbor Area Schools.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor provides afterschool and summer programs promoting educational and career development, character and leadership development, and healthy lifestyle education to nearly 1,700 children and teens in Southwest Michigan.