

IN BRIEF

Hearing loss group to meet Thursday

ST. JOSEPH — Dr. Stephen Bovenkerk will talk about the causes and prevention of hearing loss at the June meeting of the Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave.

Bovenkerk, an otolaryngologist, practices at the Lake Michigan Hearing, Sinus and Sleep Center in St. Joseph.

For more information, call Betty Mashke at 461-3308.

Barn Swallow Theatre sets Saturday meeting

EDWARDSBURG — The June meeting of the membership of Barn Swallow Theatre is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the theater, 22334 U.S. 12, east of Edwardsburg.

The agenda will include a wrap-up of the May performances of "Old Time Radio" and continuing plans for the June presentation of "Always ... Patsy Cline" on June 27-29.

Theater maintenance and renovations will require all board members and input

from the community membership.

For information, call Carol at 445-2511.

South County Dems to meet Monday

BUCHANAN — The South County Democratic Club will meet Monday at the Buchanan Moose Lodge, Redbud Trail and Front Street, Buchanan.

Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Alliance offers help to families, young adults

UNION PIER — A representative of Michigan Alliance for Families will be at HELP for Southwest Michigan Advocacy Center, 16170 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, June 10.

The alliance provides information, support and education to families of children and young adults with disabilities from birth to age 26. The group also helps facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.

Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 469-2559.

Network helps those with disabilities

UNION PIER — Disability Network Southwest Michigan representatives will be at HELP for Southwest Michigan Advocacy Center, 16170 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, from 10 a.m.-12 noon Tuesday.

Individuals with any disability can be assisted with needed resources including support groups, independent living support, nursing facility transitions, counseling and figuring out disability paperwork. Assistive technology information and ADA information is also available.

To schedule an appointment, call 469-2559.

Berrien County Dem Women meet Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Democratic Women will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., St. Joseph. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m.

Benton Harbor resident Samantha Jordan will discuss building relationships with the media, plugging into local women, and the social media and how to use it for political campaigning. Jordan has a Bachelor of

Arts degree in communication studies with a focus on public relations. Her master's degree is in new media journalism.

The regular monthly meeting will follow Jordan's talk.

LMC student honored at national event

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College student Eli Barker of South Bend earned honors at the recent Business Professionals Association National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

Barker competed in the Business Meeting Management Open Event, and was judged on his knowledge of business planning and strategy, organization and execution, and trust and transparency. He placed third out of 134 students who took part in the event.

Barker graduated this spring with an Associate in Arts and a Level I Certificate in Graphic Design A with high honors. He is the outgoing secretary of the LMC chapter of the BPA.

BPA is a career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information

technology and other related fields.

4-H Foundation elects new officers

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation elected officers and honored friends during its 45th annual meeting. Officers are Karen Kay Kietzer, Stevensville, president; Lyn Winkel, South Haven, vice president; Erica Burke, Berrien Springs, secretary; Vickie Hamilton, St. Joseph, assistant secretary; Greg Durr, St. Joseph, treasurer; and Tim Merker, Benton Harbor, assistant treasurer.

Appreciation and recognition were given to the 2014 Friends of the Berrien County 4-H Foundation: Debbie and Klaus Nixdorf of The Flour Shop Bakery in Stevensville; Brett Boyd of Classic Catering in Bridgman; and Bill Loux and Chuck Pullen of Orchard Hills Country Club in Buchanan.

Certificates of appreciation were given to dedicated community members leaving the board: Victoria Chandler, Eau Claire; Tammy Kettlehut, Benton Harbor; Amey Upton, St. Joseph; and Steve Weckwerth, Watervliet.

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