

IN BRIEF

New Troy summer reading program set

NEW TROY — Friends of New Troy again is partnering with Three Oaks and Chikaming Elementary School principal Heidi Clark to provide a teacher for a summer reading program. Vickie Petroff, an elementary teacher with the district, will be returning to lead the program.

The reading program will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, June 16-Aug. 4.

Children will be treated to stories, an occasional video, activities, recreation and a snack at the New Troy Community Center Book Room, 13372 California Road, New Troy. All ages are welcome to participate.

Connection offers help with housing issues

UNION PIER — The Connection (Emergency Shelter Services) will have staff available at HELP for Southwest Michigan Advocacy Center, 16170 Red Arrow Highway, from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

The Connection assists local residents who are in need of rental assistance or who face homelessness. Individuals and families may qualify for short- and medium-term rental assistance, as well as help with utilities and security deposits.

To schedule an appointment, call 469-2559.

Center offers help for veteran families

UNION PIER — Supportive Services for Veteran Families will have a Volunteer of America Michigan representative at the HELP for Southwest Michigan Advocacy Center, 16170 Red Arrow Highway, from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

The representative will work one on one with homeless or very low-income veteran families. The program will be used to rapidly rehouse or prevent homelessness, increase housing stability and enhance independent living skills. Temporary financial assistance for rent, utility payments, security and utility deposits, moving costs, general housing stability, emergency housing, child care and transportation assistance is also available.

Certain documentation is required, and the specifics can be obtained from by calling Amy Steinman at 248-535-6568 or the Advo-

cacy Center at 469-2559.

Four Flags Garden Club meets Tuesday

NILES — The Four Flags Garden Club of Niles will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at Lehman's Orchard, 2280 Portage Road. Steve Lecklider will give a presentation about his fruit farming operation.

Refreshments will be served, and a business meeting will follow at the home of a garden club member. For more information, call 683-6674.

Clark retirees club to meet June 18

BUCHANAN — The Clark Salaried Retirees Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at the Buchanan Community Center, Oak and Roe streets.

Tom Goodwin, chairman of the biology department at Andrews University, will give a program on "Paleontology in Our Area."

Retired salaried employees of Clark Equipment Co. and Clark Credit Corp. are eligible for membership in the club. For more information, call Don Ryman at 695-6552.

LMC sets meeting, scholarship auditions

BENTON HARBOR — Area students interested in music and theater at Lake Michigan College are invited to an orientation meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Hanson Theatre of the LMC Mendel Center.

The meeting is for new and returning students and will provide information about careers and opportunities in the music and theater industry, as well as areas of study in the performing arts programs at LMC.

Auditions for music and theater scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year will be in the music studio immediately after the orientation meeting. Scholarships are awarded competitively to qualified students who meet academic requirements, are musically and/or theatrically talented, wish to major or minor in music and/or theater, and are interested in participating in the LMC performance ensembles and music and drama presentations. Awards range from \$500 to full tuition and are renewable for

four semesters.

To schedule an audition appointment, call 927-8876.

Community-wide garage sales set

The annual Berrien Springs-Eau Claire Community Wide Garage and Sidewalk sales will be held June 29 in both communities.

Those who want to be included in the listing should sign up at the Berrien Springs Village Hall, 112 N. Cass St., by June 20. The listing will be available at eauclairemi.com and villageofberriensprings.com.

For more information, call 473-6921.

PATH volunteer receives state award

Patricia Goodman of Paw Paw received this year's Outstanding PATH Leader Award at the statewide M-PATH meeting in Lansing on May 6.

PATH (Personal Action Towards Health) is a six-week program that teaches practical skills for living a healthy life with a chronic health condition. The workshop focuses on self-care, learning new coping strategies, and sharing personal experiences with other group members. It was developed and tested by Stanford University.

As a volunteer leader for the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Goodman facilitates PATH workshops throughout Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties and beyond.

ARS Gallery offers four summer camps

BENTON HARBOR — The ARS Gallery/Arts & Culture Center, 147 Fifth St., is offering four weeks of summer art camp with a focus on France for children ages 5-17.

Three of the camps will focus on the art and culture of France, while a fourth camp will be a teen camp focusing on intensive studio arts. Cost of the camps are \$125 for June 23-26 (ages 5-7), \$140 for July 14-18 (ages 7-12), and \$160 for July 21-25 (ages 8-13) and Aug. 4-8 (ages 13-17).

Students will develop skills, techniques, critical thinking, creative problem solving and conceptual concerns through a wide range of resources and materials.

To register for a camp, go

online to annarussoart.com; mail a check to P.O. Box 9151, Benton Harbor, MI 49023.; or call the gallery at 277-5090 or 208-4409.

SJ student named to honors society

ST. JOSEPH — Caitlyn Kitron of St. Joseph, a student at the University of Michigan, has been accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.



KITRON

The society is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first- and second-year college students.

Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

Sandra Nye receives Monday Musical award

ST. JOSEPH — Sandra Nye, president of the Monday Musical Club of Southwestern Michigan received the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs Citation Award on June 2 at the Heritage Center in St. Joseph.



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This highest award given by the Michigan federation is for outstanding service to the recipient's club, community and state, as well as for outstanding achievement in music.

Nye has a degree in humanities with a minor in vocal performance from Michigan State University. She has been a member of Monday Musical for 45 years and has served the club as a soloist, chorus member, board member and as adviser to the junior and student clubs. She was an elementary teacher in St. Joseph for five years and is vice president and owner of Trickle-eez Company with her husband, John.

Nye is stepping down after four years as president of Monday Musical. Karla Armstrong Hake will be the president for the coming year.

For more information about Monday Musical, call Vivian Oberheu at 428-2625.