

IN BRIEF

Sewer hookup catches up to post office

BANGOR — Bangor post office workers are using a portable restroom after a sewage backup linked to an illegal hookup, city officials said.

The post office since the 1960s has been connected to the city's stormwater system rather than sanitary lines. The post office in recent weeks has experienced sewage backups. To rectify the matter, the office rented the portable toilet for its staff until the drain can be connected properly.

City Council members in their meeting last week questioned whether the city should pay for the work. City Manager Ryan Fellows said it's not the city's obligation.

"Per city ordinances, it is the property owner's responsibility to connect to the sanitary sewer, and it is unlawful to discharge wastewater to a natural water course," Fellows said. City staff, however, will work with post office officials and the building owner to determine the best way for the sewer line to be connected properly.

BH commission holds planning session

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor City Commission will hold a Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Session on Saturday.

The meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Vineland Center, 1155 Vineland Road, St. Joseph.

Museum to host shipwrecks expert

DOWAGIAC — Jim Scholz, president of the Southwest Michigan Underwater Preserve, will lecture on Lake Michigan shipwrecks Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Dowagiac Area History Museum, the museum announced.

The 6:30 p.m. event, part of the museum's Fall Lecture, is called "What Lies Beneath." The program is an introduction to shipwrecks of Southwest Michigan and what SCUBA divers see and find on the bottom of the lake.

The programs are free to museum members and \$5 for non-members. Children under 18 are admitted free. Membership will be avail-

able at the museum for those interested. The museum is at the corner of Division and West Railroad streets.

LMC sets community ed. for New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — For the first time, Lake Michigan College is offering free community education courses in New Buffalo, at the new New Buffalo Township Library, LMC announced.

The fall schedule includes an overview of chemistry, an introduction to the cosmos and a presentation on the Watergate scandal. Courses are further being planned for the spring 2015 semester. Programming is part of a new collaboration with the Friends of the New Buffalo Library.

Chemistry for Poets is 6-8

p.m. Tuesday. Expand Your Universe is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21. Watergate Remembered is 10-noon, Saturday, Nov. 15.

More information can be found at www.newbuffalo.michlibrary.org. No advance registration for the courses is required.



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