

IN BRIEF

Trivia tonight at Howard Ice Arena

ST. JOSEPH — The John and DeDe Howard Ice Arena at 2414 Willa Drive in St. Joseph will hold trivia night tonight. Skaters who correctly answer Valentine-related questions will win a prize. Open skate hours are 6-10 p.m. and concessions are by the Twisted Dawg. Admission is \$5 and skate rental is \$3.

Pedestrian dies after struck by car

DOWAGIAC — A Dowagiac man died Thursday after being hit by a car on M-51 at Edwards Street in Pokagon Township. Cass County sheriff's deputies said Joshua Yahne, 22, was walking south on M-51 when he was hit by a car driven by Jamika Morgan, 21, of Elkhart, Ind. After hitting Yahne, Morgan's vehicle ran off the road, hit a utility pole and rolled over an unknown number of times, police said.

Two young children in the vehicle, whose names police will not release, were released after treatment at Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac. Morgan was also taken to the hospital for treatment of her injuries, police said.

Cass County deputies were assisted at the scene by Pokagon, Indian Lake and Dowagiac fire departments, Price Care Ambulance and Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service. The crash remains under investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office at 445-8644.

Enrollment packets available

BRIDGMAN — Enrollment packets for Bridgman School District's 2015-16 kindergarten and progressive 5's program will be available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23-27 at Bridgman Elementary School, 3891 Lake St.

An evening enrollment also will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Information about the district's readiness screening program in March also will be available.

Children need to be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2015, to qualify for progressive 5's or kindergarten and must live in the Bridgman School District.

A parent or guardian should bring the following documents when enrolling a child: child's certified birth certificate; proof of residency (utility bill, rent receipt, etc.); proof of hearing/vision screening; current immunization card; and custody papers, if applicable.

Parents unable to attend the registration should contact the school office at 466-0241.

Montessori school to have open house

ST JOSEPH — Great Lakes Montessori will have an open house from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, for those interested in enrolling their children for the 2015-2016 school year.

Programs are available for infants, toddlers, young preschoolers, preschool, kindergarten and elementary students. The school is at 3084 Niles Road in St. Joseph, in the Blue Roof Church.

Children are introduced to areas including math, language, science, culture, geography, history and dramatic play. Enrichment

classes include Spanish every day and music weekly.

Full- and part-time classes are available, and enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact school director Marcie O'Connell at 556-0354 or marcie@greatlakesmontessori.com.

Sites sought for food program

The Michigan Department of Education is looking for community partners, sponsors and potential site locations to participate in the Summer Meet Up and Eat Up initiative and to run summer food programs for children.

Sponsors receive federal payments for the meals served to children and for administrative costs of serving the meals. New sponsors will receive free training and technical assistance.

The program serves meals to children up to age 18 living in low-income areas, and can operate in schools, public housing centers, playgrounds, camps, parks and faith-based facilities.

Sponsors can be public school districts or nonprofit private schools; public or private nonprofit residential summer camps; local, county or state government agencies; colleges or universities; or private nonprofit organizations.

For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Education by March 1. Program information may be obtained by calling 517-373-3347; or at the website www.michigan.gov/sfsp.

RESA sets Off to College open house

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien RESA is having an Off to College open house for high school students with Individual Education Plans or 504 Plans and their parents or guardians.

The event will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at RESA's Administrative Conference Center, 711 St. Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs.

The evening will highlight program objectives, describe the application process and showcase student experiences. To RSVP for the session, call 471-7725 ext. 1140.

Off to College is a free program designed by Berrien RESA and area community colleges and universities. It requires a multi-year commitment from the student. During students' sophomore, junior and senior years, they participate in monthly seminars at Lake Michigan College, where they will learn how to prepare themselves for college life.

To learn more, visit www.berrienresa.org.

Suspect surrenders in probe of 2 deaths

EASTPOINTE, Mich. (AP)—A father concerned about the whereabouts of his daughter and granddaughter entered their Detroit-area home and found them dead with stab wounds, police said Friday.

The deaths were not considered a random attack. A man who was living with the victims in Eastpointe turned himself in to police in Dearborn. No charges were immediately filed.

"It's horrible," said Mike Rakowski, who found the bodies Thursday night. "We're all shocked. It's undoubtedly the worst fear every parent has for his child."

The victims were Monique Rakowski, 29, and 13-month-old daughter Carmon.