

IN BRIEF

Barn Swallow Theatre to meet Saturday

CASSOPOLIS — Barn Swallow Theatre will have its first board meeting of the year at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 305 W. State St. (Pokagon Highway).

Plans for performances in 2015 will be discussed, and officers will be elected.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. 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.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Berrien Dem women to meet Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Democratic Women will elect officers Tuesday at the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by a program at 6 p.m. and election of officers at 7:30 p.m.

A video about the group Moms Demand Action will be shown. This organization for gun sense is composed of gun owners and those who don't own guns. Moms Demand Action has achieved some success for gun sense in the voting booth, state legislatures and the corporate sector.

The program is open to the public. For more information, call Sue Betz at 930-8856.

Boy Scouts set recycling event Feb. 14

NILES — BSA Troop 579 is having a recycling drive from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 14, at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Church, 203 S. Lincoln Ave.

Recyclables accepted for donation are newspapers, laser and ink jet printer cartridges, cell phones and aluminum cans. Scouts will unload vehicles or trailers.

Last year, scouts in the troop unloaded and recycled more than 110,000 pounds of newspapers.

InterCare offers information session

COVERT — Susan Holcomb of InterCare Community Health Network will present information about the network's services at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at Covert Senior Center, 73992 34th Ave.

InterCare operates six sites in Southwest Michigan, providing medical, dental and mental health

services. It also has mobile medical and dental vans.

InterCare primarily focuses on serving those who have no insurance or are underinsured. To that extent, it also helps people find affordable health care coverage through such options as the Affordable Care Act, Healthy Michigan Plan and others. Patients are offered a sliding fee based on their income.

Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call 764-8378.

LMC Foundation awards scholarships

BENTON HARBOR — The Lake Michigan College Foundation has awarded four Academic Incentive Scholarships to participants enrolled in a program serving first-generation college students.

This year's scholarship recipients are James Coates of Benton Harbor, business administration major; Elena Fantroy of Berrien Springs, elementary education major; Patrick Sims of Benton Harbor, majoring in corrections, probation and parole; and Tickisha Thompson of Berrien Springs, early childhood education major.

The students are members of TRIO, a U.S. Department of Education-funded program that aims to increase the retention, graduation and transfer rates of first-generation college students, low-income students or students with a disability. More than 200 LMC students annually receive advising, tutoring, course planning, study skills, help transferring to four-year universities, and other services through the program.

4-H Foundation elects new officers

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation elected officers at its annual meeting Jan. 26. They are Karen Kay Kietzer of Stevensville, president; Barry Borst of Niles, vice president; Erica Burke of Berrien Springs secretary; Greg Durr of St. Joseph, treasurer; Vickie Hamilton of St. Joseph, assistant secretary; and Tim Merker of Benton Harbor, assistant treasurer.

Appreciation and recognition were given to the 2015 Friends of the Berrien County 4-H Foundation: Larry Schuler of St. Joseph for his support through the Molly Schuler Foundation, which launched 4-H Robotics across Berrien County; and Mary Tatter of Waterliet for her years of support of the foundation.

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