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Spring Bling Craft Show on tap Saturday

COLOMA — The North Berrien Fire Auxiliary will have its second annual Spring Bling Craft Show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at North Berrien Fire Rescue Station 1, 170 Washington St.

There will be a bake sale, hourly drawings, a food booth and kids craft projects.

For more information, call Ann at 468-8305 or Pauline at 925-1825.

Local students plan 'foodraiser' Sunday

BENTON HARBOR — There will be a musical "foodraiser" from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at The Oak Room, 91 Hinkley St.

The event, organized by students Lindsay Marohn, Erik Rumsa and Eric Guldan, will feature local musicians. All proceeds will go to Feeding America.

Monetary and non-perishable food donations will be accepted.

For more information, call 860-417-9833.

Carousel friends set meeting for volunteers

ST. JOSEPH — Friends of the Silver Beach Carousel will have their annual volunteer information meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday at the carousel, 333 Broad St. Doors open at 5:30.

Everyone who might be interested in volunteering at the carousel is invited. There will be rides on the carousel, ice cream sundaes and information about opportunities during the summer season and the rest of the year.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 932-1145.

For more information, visit www.silverbeachcarousel.com.

River Valley Garden Club meets Tuesday

SAWYER — The River Valley Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Harbert Community Church, Three Oaks and Harbert roads.

Club president Elizabeth Palulis will lead a seed-starting workshop. Materials will be available for members to prepare their own seed plantings. The presentation also will include a demonstration on creating compost tea, an organic spray to enhance the soil and plants.

Guests will learn more about the club's mission and projects for the coming year, including the annual

plant sale May 16 at Harbert Community Park.

For more information, contact Palulis at 426-3513 or evpalulis@yahoo.com.

Four Flags Garden Club sets meeting

NILES — The Four Flags Garden Club of Niles will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Niles Amtrak Depot to clean up the gardens. Volunteers should bring work gloves.

At 6:45 p.m. members will gather at the Niles Law Enforcement Complex, 1600 Silverbrook, for a business meeting and refreshments.

Guests and potential new members are welcome. For more information, call Elaine at 683-5292.

Cass Historical Society meets Tuesday

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Cass District Library on M-62.

Local historian and naturalist Bill Westrate will present a program on endangered species in the area.

Member dues may be paid at the meeting. Dues are \$5 for adults; students and children are free.

For more information, call Marilyn Fry at 782-5721.

Genealogical society to hear about headstones

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Genealogical Society will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the LDS Family History Center, 3653 Niles Road.

The topic is "What's New in Headstones." St. Joe Monument Works will feature a presentation of up-to-date engraving possibilities on cemetery markers. There also will be a "Show and Tell" of unique headstones that members have seen.

Meetings are free to the public and door prizes are drawn.

Visually impaired group sets meeting

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Area Visually Impaired Persons (VIPs) support group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Warren Senior Community Center, 540 Williams St.

The topic will be "What is the most important question that a person facing vision loss can ask?"

For more information, call Ray Llorens at 637-1418.

Murder mystery dinner slated for April 24

BENTON HARBOR — Students of Lake Michigan College's Hospitality and Culinary programs will host "Rendezvous in Rio," a Brazilian murder mystery dinner and silent auction at 6 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

Attendees will enjoy an array of Brazilian-themed food and décor, and a murder mystery guided by TORP Comedy Troupe. Items for auction include hotel packages, restaurant gift certificates and a tablet computer. Proceeds will support the student Hospitality Club.

Doors for the silent auction and bar open at 5:30 p.m. Appetizers and First Clue begin at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$40 per person, \$75 for two or \$350 for a table of 10.

To purchase tickets or make a donation online, visit lakemichigancollege.edu/hospitality. For more information, call 927-8868.

Krasl offers bus trip to Detroit museum

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center is planning a daylong bus trip Friday, April 24, to Detroit to visit the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Heidelberg Project.

The first stop is the Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Time will be provided to explore the institute's permanent collection. In the afternoon, participants will have a guided tour of the Heidelberg Project, a unique neighborhood and community organization.

Cost of the trip is \$75, which includes transportation, snacks, admission and tour fees. Meals and all other expenses are not included. The bus will leave St. Joseph at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

To register, visit www.krasl.org or call 983-0271.

Author to discuss his book at local libraries

Hartford native Pastor K. Ross Newland will be at two local libraries in support of his book, "If My People ... The Saving of America."

He will be at the Water-vliet District Library at 6 p.m. Friday, April 24, and at the Hartford Public Library at 11

a.m. Saturday, April 25. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

The book is an account of how the actions of the Christian church have resulted in the chastisements of the Lord upon the church and nation.

Newland is the current minister at the Halsted Road Baptist Church in Rockford, Ill.

More information can be found at www.blessgodamerica.org.

Bowling event to aid local autism services

ST. JOSEPH — LOGAN Autism Learning Center and Kelley's Bowl will host the sixth annual Bowling for Autism fundraiser to support local autism services from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Kelley's Bowl, 2705 Cleveland Ave.

The evening consists of teams of six to eight bowlers. Cost is \$25 per person to bowl and includes two games with shoes, two pitchers of beer or soda, and pizza from Papa John's. There also will be locally donated items for drawings and prizes.

To learn more about the bowling event or the services LOGAN provides in St. Joseph, visit www.LoganAutismLearningCenter.org or call program coordinator Pam Shuster at 983-5833.

LMC offers free dance workshops May 1

BENTON HARBOR — The Lake Michigan College Theatre Department will host a dance day for area students from 9 a.m.-noon Friday, May 1, in room F1117 of the Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave.

The workshop is open to all area high school and college students. Guests will be able to participate in free dance master class workshops and receive instruction in various genres of dance including ballet, musical theater, jazz and contemporary. After the workshops there will be a question and answer period, and performances by Chicago's Tapestry Dance Company, the Berrien County Dancers and Lake Michigan College dance students.

Contact the Performing Arts Department at 927-8876 by April 24 to make a reservation.

Garden club sponsors Arbor Day celebration

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan Garden Club



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