

LETTERS

Student's hard work ruined by dishonest motorist

Editor,

We have a granddaughter who is a high school sophomore. She had worked hard the past few years saved her money and this summer purchased a used car. She had some minor paint repairs done this last month and was so proud of what she had accomplished. A week ago Monday she went to the Berrien County Youth Fair, properly parked her car and went on to enjoy our great fair. Coming back to her car she found that someone had backed into her car and destroyed the bumper – leaving no address, no name, no phone number on the windshield.

Obviously our granddaughter is devastated and now faces the expense of repairing a damaged car that wasn't her fault. I guess we are of the old school that believes, "If you break it, you fix it." How sad that the vehicle driver of the car that did the damage didn't live by this simple rule.

**David and Reta Geisler
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Support LMC by enjoying Sept. 26 Mendel concert

Editor,

"The Voice" finalist folk singer-songwriter Joshua Davis will be performing at The Mendel Center Mainstage on Saturday, Sept. 26. It would be great if The Mendel was bursting at the seams for this one-night only performance, not only because of Josh's local ties, but also because a portion of the ticket proceeds will support the Lake Michigan College capital campaign. So, a great way to have fun and, at the same time, do some good.

The LMC campaign is a BIG deal. It will make a HUGE difference. Our challenge is to get people aware enough to care. So I write this letter hoping to encourage those HP readers who may not have a connection to LMC to treat themselves to a Joshua



Davis ticket and, while they are on campus, take a look around. Be impressed by the new student housing and construction on the new tech center. Drive by the old historic barn on Empire Avenue and imagine it as a hub of the new wine-making school.

To see the progress on campus is to be inspired. Information on tickets for the Joshua Davis performance is at www.TheMendelCenter.com. For more information on the many initiatives that are part of the LMC capital campaign, go to www.lakemichigancollege.edu/tomorrow.

**Carol Sizer, co-chair
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Hospice thankful for another great Concours

Editor,

More than 100 vintage, juried vehicles, a perfect summer day and nearly 3,000 appreciative attendees helped make the 11th annual Lake Bluff Concours d'Elegance of Southwest

Michigan a great fundraising success for Hospice at Home.

Those of us at Hospice at Home want to express our truly sincere thanks to Concours chairman Anne Odden, founder and entrant liaison Dar Davis, the vintage vehicle owners, more than 100 volunteers, dozens of generous sponsors/underwriters, the city of St. Joseph (commissioners and staff) and Lake Bluff Concours committee members for pulling together as a team and making this year's event the best ever.

The Lake Bluff Concours is the benefactor of Room 3 of the Butterfly Wing at the Merlin and Carolyn Hanson Hospice Center and the net proceeds from this year's Concours met and surpassed the \$25,000 pledge made more than two years ago.

Plans are already in the works for the 12th annual Lake Bluff Concours, planned for Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016. Those interested in participating as a vehicle owner, volunteering or sponsoring a vintage automobile are encouraged to visit

www.ConcoursSWMI.com for more information.

Hospice at Home, a Lakeland Health Affiliate, provides quality care to people adjusting to living with a serious illness, as well as to people facing death, anticipating the death of a loved one or healing their grief after the death of a loved one. Services are provided to patients and their families regardless of the patients' diagnosis, treatment choices or ability to pay. Hospice at Home places an emphasis on the emotional, social and spiritual needs of those who need care and those receiving support services in Berrien, Cass, Van Buren and Allegan counties. Extending this care, Lory's Place, a bereavement and education center that builds hope and strength for every grieving family, is available to anyone in Southwest Michigan or Northern Indiana.

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