

IN BRIEF

Open house to honor retiring mail carrier

EAU CLAIRE — An open house to honor Bob Wark for 41 years of service as a rural route mail carrier will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Eau Claire Post Office, 6537 E. Main St.

Light refreshments will be served.

Calvin lecture series returning to SJ library

ST. JOSEPH — The award-winning January Series of Calvin College is coming to St. Joseph. From Jan. 8-28, Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library will be one of 44 remote webcast locations worldwide to broadcast the lecture and cultural arts series.

The lectures will be video streamed live at the library from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lectures are free and open to the public.

The series features a lineup of nationally acclaimed speakers, including Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson; Bill Rasmussen, the founder of ESPN; John M. Perkins, one of the leading evangelical voices to come out of the American civil rights movement; former U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe; Zachary Karabell, a global economist and historian; and Linda Smith, a former U.S. senator and founder of Shared Hope International.

For a full list of speakers and topics, visit www.calvin.edu/january/2014.

Support groups to stay at Warren Senior Center

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group and the South Haven Visually Impaired Persons Support Group both will continue to meet at the Warren Senior Center, 540 Williams St., and will no longer be affiliated with Senior Services of Van Buren County when they move to another location.

The Alzheimer's Caregivers group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. January meetings will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

An Alzheimer's Association support group is a safe place for caregivers to learn, offer and receive helpful tips, and meet other caregivers coping with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia.

The Visually Impaired Persons Support Group's January meetings will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 9 and Jan. 23.

If you are interested in learning more about either group, call Ray Llorens at 637-1418.

Krasl winter class registration open

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center's winter class sched-

ule is online, and registration is open through Jan. 20.

Youth studio classes are available for grades K-12. Classes include Caldecott Connection Creations (Grades K-3); Beads and Beyond (Grades 4-6); Mural Painting at the Beginning (Grades 5-8); Drawing Without a Pencil (Grades 8-12); and Hipsters in the Dark Room, Moving On (Grades 8-12). Adult studio classes are available in ceramics, jewelry making, drawing, painting (oil, acrylic and watercolor), photography and wood-working. Most classes are weeknights and range from three to eight weeks in length.

The Krasl will also host a studio open house from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 11. This free event is open to the public and will feature games, art activities, snacks, musical performances and special class discounts for the winter term.

Visit krasl.org to view classes, stop by or call 983-0271 for details.

Sorority to host pageant information meeting

BENTON HARBOR — Iota Iota Omega, the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, is having an informational meeting Jan. 11 for its Miss Fashionette 2014 pageant.

The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. in the community room of Orchards Mall.

Girls in grades 3-5 are invited to attend with a parent or guardian.

For more information, call LaVerne Wilhite at 926-8987 or 449-5687.

Senior Lifeline plans winter craft session

COVERT — Covert Senior Lifeline and Happy Home Care will present a winter craft activity from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 14 at Senior Lifeline, 73292 34th Ave., Covert.

All materials will be provided, and refreshments will be served.

Reservations are requested and may be made by call Jeanne at 556-9910 or Senior Lifeline at 764-8378.

Wine 101 offered at LMC SH Campus

SOUTH HAVEN — Lake Michigan College's South Haven Campus is offering several Community Education classes that begin in January, including bowling and sewing classes, as well as a popular course on wine.

Ruth Ryberg, certified sommelier and owner of the consulting company Don't Whine Do Wine, returns to LMC with Wine 101, a course designed for the novice wine taster, winery employee or casual wine drinker,

this introduction includes deciphering wine labels, understanding varietal differences and grasping grape geography. The class will conclude with a wine-tasting.

The class will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 20-Feb. 24. Participants must be 21. Cost is \$89.

For more information, call 800-252-1562, ext. 7502, or visit www.lakemichigancollege.edu/ce.

High school credit available for dance

STEVENSVILLE — Registration for the 2014-15 school year is about to begin for Berrien County Dancers, a county-wide program in which students may earn high school credit in dance. The classes are offered through the Career and Technical Education Department at Lakeshore High School, 5771 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville.

Placement auditions are required for enrollment in Intermediate and Advanced Dance. Intermediate auditions will be from 3:15-4:45 p.m. Jan. 22. Advanced auditions will be from 3:15-4:45 p.m. Jan. 23. Alternate arrangements are available for students who need them.

Students who plan to enroll in Beginning Dance may register through their guidance counselor, although a phone consultation with the artistic director is requested. No prior experience or audition is necessary for Beginning Dance.

Contact Theresa Graziano, artistic director, at 428-1402, ext. 2099, or grazianodance@gmail.com. Please include the student's name, phone number, and experience level in phone messages and emails.

Women's Service League names 2013-14 officers

ST. JOSEPH — Women's Service League of Berrien County has elected officers for the 2013-14 year. Nicole Coar will serve as president, Karen Garlanger as vice president, Jamie Brooks as treasurer and Melissa Buckingham as secretary.

Philanthropic work is the cornerstone of Women's Service League, including the annual Charity Ball; Naschair, which supports the Therapeutic Equestrian Center; and Operation Coats. Founded in 1931, the league is a not-for-profit organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism and improving the community through action and leadership.

To date, hundreds of organizations have benefited from the work of WSL as it has raised more than \$625,000 for charitable organizations in the area. The group is made up of about 45 active members in Southwest Michigan.

For more information, visit www.womensserviceleague.org.