

## IN BRIEF

### Unlovable critters topic of program

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Pat Underwood, naturalist at Love Creek Nature Center, will present “Animals That Are Hard to Love” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St. Admission is free.

Underwood will help his audience understand and appreciate less-loveable critters like snakes, snapping turtles, and a wide variety of bugs, slugs, amphibians, birds and reptiles that populate our natural environment.

The program series is sponsored by the Berrien Springs/Eau Claire Rotary Club and Indiana Michigan Power. For more informa-

tion, call 471-1202 or visit [www.berrienhistory.org](http://www.berrienhistory.org).

### Gateway softball weekend set

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The 29th annual Gateway Softball Weekend will take place July 25-26 at Plangger’s Field, organizers announced.

Teams from 24 businesses and organizations will play softball and bribe umpires to raise money for Gateway Services. The proceeds will go towards new technology training for Gateway participants.

Everyone is encouraged to come down to the event.

Fans, players, spectators and the announcers are allowed to bribe umpires for runs, outs, have opposing

players run the bases in flip-pers or make opponents take their “at bat” with tennis rackets, brooms, folding chairs or whiffle bats. All bribes count as a tax-deductible donation to Gateway.

### Sister Lakes FD gets pet masks

SISTER LAKES — Donors have contributed four pet oxygen masks to the Sister Lakes Fire Department, the department announced.

Dr. David Visser of Center for Animal Health in Edwardsburg and the Invisible Fence Co. of Southwest Michigan contributed the items through Invisible

Fence Brand’s Project Breathe program. The program was established with

the goal of equipping every fire station in America and Canada with pet oxygen masks.

The masks allow firefighters to give oxygen to pets who are suffering from smoke inhalation.

### LMC sonography program accredited

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ultrasound) program has earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), LMC reported.

It is one of eleven Michigan colleges, and the only one in Southwest Michigan, to hold the designation,

LMC reported.

The sonography program is the fourth of LMC’s health care degrees to earn national accreditation status. It joins Nursing, Radiologic Technology and Dental Assisting in being the only accredited associate degree programs of their type in the region.

The accomplishment enables LMC’s sonography program graduates to sit for their credentialing exam immediately after finishing their program.

### LMC sets fast-track registration

BENTON TOWNSHIP — As the fall semester nears, Lake Michigan College is helping students avoid the pressure of last-

minute registration with a new service called Walk-in Wednesdays, LMC announced.

Throughout July, new and returning students can stop by any LMC campus between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays for fast-track class registration, help with financial aid, academic advising and assessments. Appointments are not necessary and staff will be on-hand.

College officials hope the Wednesday events will encourage earlier class registration and financial preparation.

For more information, visit [www.lakemichigancollege.edu/wednesdays](http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/wednesdays), call 927-8626 or email [admissions@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:admissions@lakemichigancollege.edu).