

IN BRIEF

Foundation taking grant applications

The St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club Foundation will be awarding up to \$55,000 in grant money to local nonprofit organizations. For applications, email Bob Judd at juddrj@gmail.com or go to www.sjbhrotary.org.

Completed grant applications are due by Sept. 18, and funds will be awarded later this year.

The mission of the foundation is to improve lives in the community by supporting projects that focus of improvement of health, support of education, economic and com-

munity development, and other initiatives that have local impact. Particular emphasis is given for efforts that seek to better opportunities for youth and special needs populations.

Fair 'cleaning bee' is Saturday

BERRIEN SPRINGS — All youth exhibitors and adult leaders are encouraged to take part in the annual cleaning bee at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, starting at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The cleaning bee is intended to put the finishing touches on the fairgrounds before the start

of the fair, which opens Monday.

Pizza, donated by Roma's in Bridgman, will be served to people who take part.

Call the fair office to sign up at 473-4251

LMC offers 'reverse transfer' program

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College has partnered with several Michigan universities to offer an opportunity for students to earn an associate degree even if they transfer before completing the requirements. Agreements have been signed with Western Michigan, Grand Valley State, Ferris State,

Michigan State, Central Michigan and Northern Michigan.

Eligible students must have earned at least 45 credit hours through LMC and transferred to one of the partner universities. With the help of credits earned at the university level, students may be awarded an associate's degree, depending on their qualifications. Under a grant administered by the Michigan Center for Student Success, transcript and graduation fees may be covered for students who complete the process by Sept. 30.

For more information about the program, email registrar@lakemichigancollege.edu or call 927-8107.