

IN BRIEF

BH school board holds special meeting

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor school board will meet at 10 a.m. today to hear detailed plans of the bond proposal for the proposed \$51.9 million school campus.

The presenter will be Brendon Pollard, project director for Kingscott Architects of Kalamazoo. The meeting will be at the district's Central Administration Building, 636 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor.

The plans would consolidate Benton Harbor's four elementary schools into one new campus.

LMC hosts MLK events for week

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College in Benton Township is hosting several events honoring Martin Luther King Jr. next week.

The 20th annual LMC Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Awards Ceremony will be Monday, followed by attendees assembling soup for local food pantries.

Peace and Justice Series presentations will be 12:40-1:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 in the Blue Lecture Hall on the college's Napier campus. James Rauner, a peace and justice educator, will discuss King and the power of nonviolence.

"The Hundred-Foot Journey" will be shown 12:15-3:15 p.m. Wednesday, also in the Blue Lecture Hall. The movie, produced by Oprah Winfrey, centers on cuisines, cultures and conflict.

Arrest made over stolen snowmobiles

SISTER LAKES — A former employee of Lakes Marine in Keeler Township allegedly stole several snowmobiles and now faces several criminal charges, authorities said.

William Elder, 54, Dowagiac was arrested this week after a 13-month investigation into the thefts, which occurred in December 2013, Van Buren County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Douglas said.

Police were able to recover two of the stolen snowmobiles and a stolen snowmobile trailer, but have not recovered a third snowmobile stolen from the business at 65780 94th Ave., Douglas said. The re-

covered snowmobiles and trailer have been returned to Lakes Marine.

Elder was arrested Wednesday on charges, including larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000, and unlawful driving away of a vehicle, Douglas said.

Michigan Gas reports deceptive marketing

Michigan Gas Utilities is reporting that gas marketers from other companies are in the area soliciting door to door for new customers.

Customers in the Benton Harbor area have called MGU, reporting that marketers had "MGU" badges and paperwork with MGU on it. MGU notified local authorities and attempted to make contact with the marketer, but have been unsuccessful.

MGU is reminding people that its employees would never go door-to-door soliciting customers; that customers should never give their billing information to someone pretending to represent MGU; and that customers should be cautious in giving utility information to anyone attempting to gain it by misrepresenting themselves.

Customers who are suspicious of someone representing himself or herself as an MGU employee can verify that it is an MGU employee by calling 800-401-6402.

Pagel to serve on appropriations panel

LANSING — State Rep. Dave Pagel, R-Oronoko Township, will serve on the House Appropriations Committee and chair the Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections in the 98th Legislature. In these roles, Pagel will have a hand in setting parts of the state's multi-billion dollar annual budget.

Pagel, in his second term in the House, also will serve on the appropriations subcommittees on the Department of Agriculture, School Aid and Judiciary.

Body found not missing baby

ROSEVILLE (AP) — Authorities say the body of a newborn boy found in a suburban Detroit recycling center is not that of a baby missing 85 miles away.

Police in Roseville and Meridian Township said Friday that DNA tests show no link between their cases.