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Benton Harbor church to host fall festival

BENTON HARBOR — The Vision Center church at 756 Highland Ave. will host a Fall Fest 2-5 p.m. Saturday for children, the church announced.

There will be games, activities and a bounce room.

LMC sets event for prospective students

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College will have a fall open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, on its Napier Avenue campus.

Prospective students and their families can submit an application, and talk with faculty about academic programs, financial aid and transferring credits to other universities. Campus tours will begin at 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. At noon, there will be a presentation about Beckwith Hall, the new on-campus housing facility.

Academic program highlights will include computer information systems, the enology and viticulture wine program, music, and LMC's accredited health-care programs.

Attendees who RSVP at lakemichigancollege.edu/openhouse will be entered

into a drawing for a chance to win a \$500 gift card.

For more information or to register, call 927-8626 or email at admissions@lakemichigancollege.edu.

Holiday cards collected for troops, veterans

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, invites residents of the 6th Congressional District to share the spirit of the season with cards to active duty military personnel, their families and veterans through the Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes program.

Cards may be dropped off at Upton's constituent services offices at 720 Main St. in St. Joseph or 157 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 180, in Kalamazoo. The offices will accept cards dropped off until Nov. 17 and will deliver them to a local Red Cross office.

Senders are asked to keep in mind these guidelines:

■ Include a heartfelt message, but sign your first name; do not include phone number or email addresses.

■ Use generic titles such as "Dear Service Member, Veteran or Military Family Member" when writing cards.

■ Do not use cards with glitter as it may aggravate health problems.

■ Do not enclose additional items such as gift cards, photos or other gifts as they will be removed.

■ Envelopes are unnecessary for the cards.

Prosecutor to decide soon in Courser case

LAPEER (AP)— A prosecutor will decide in the next week or so how to proceed following an investigation into whether a former lawmaker was blackmailed over his extramarital affair with another legislator.

Lapeer County Prosecutor Tim Turkelson said Thursday he has a report from state police, who investigated ex-Rep. Todd Courser's complaint of getting threatening text messages for his relationship with then-Rep. Cindy Gamrat.

Turkelson says he could file charges, decline charges or seek more information.

Courser resigned and Gamrat was expelled in September. Both are running in Tuesday's special Republican primaries.

Courser sent a false email saying he had sex with a male prostitute — an attempt to make the affair less plausible if revealed by an anonymous "blackmailer." Courser says the report should be released immediately, not after the election.