

## IN BRIEF

### Relay For Life hosting information meeting

ST. JOSEPH — Relay For Life of Berrien County will host an information night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday at Fifth Third Bank, 830 Pleasant St.

Attendees will learn about how the American Cancer Society supports local residents, and how funds raised through Relay For Life benefit the community.

The event also will include games, activities and a guest speaker — Bertha Carson-King, a motivational speaker, cancer survivor and co-founder of Strong Women of Faith Breast Cancer Support Group.

This year's Relay For Life will be June 24 at St. Joseph High School.

### Clark retirees meeting Wednesday morning

BUCHANAN — The Clark Salaried Retirees Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Rynearson St.

Louis Csokasy, managing director of the Berrien County Road Commission, will report on county roads.

For more information, call Don Ryman at 695-6552.

### Arts center annual meeting rescheduled

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Center for

the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., has rescheduled its annual meeting for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting, originally scheduled for December, was canceled due to bad weather.

For more information, visit [www.southhavenarts.org](http://www.southhavenarts.org).

### Registration open for Berrien County Dancers

STEVENSVILLE — Registration for the 2017-18 school year is about to begin for Berrien County Dancers, a county-wide program in which students can earn high school credit for taking dance classes.

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Dance classes are held during the school day at Lakeshore High School, 5771 Cleveland Ave.

Placement auditions are required for enrollment in Intermediate and Advanced Dance.

Advanced auditions will be from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Intermediate auditions will be from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday. Students who are unable to attend should ask for alternate arrangements.

Audition reservations are required by contacting Artistic Director Theresa Graziano at [tgraziano@lplancer.net](mailto:tgraziano@lplancer.net). Include the student's name, phone number and experience level.

Students who plan to enroll in Beginning Dance

can register through their guidance counselor, although an email consultation with Graziano is requested. No prior experience or audition is necessary.

The curriculum offers technique classes in ballet and jazz with its emphasis focused on modern technique. Elements of dance composition, dance history and anatomical alignment also are taught.

For more information, visit [www.BerrienCountyDancers.com](http://www.BerrienCountyDancers.com).

### Buchanan Promise holds first info night

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan Promise, an educational scholarship available to graduates of Buchanan High School starting with the Class of 2017, will hold an information meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium, 401 W. Chicago St.

The meeting is primarily for seniors and their parents or guardians, but any current Buchanan family, or those interested in residing in Buchanan and attending Buchanan Schools, can attend.

Eligible students will receive information about the scholarship, have their questions answered, meet with college and community representatives, and have the chance to complete a scholarship application.

For more informa-

tion, visit [www.buchananpromise.com](http://www.buchananpromise.com), or contact Michigan Gateway Community Foundation at 695-3521.

### 'To the Well' set for Tuesday night

ST. JOSEPH — Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., will host "To the Well" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"To the Well" celebrates local artists and artisans. Artists discuss their work and how it was nourished by the library.

Tuesday's speaker will be Peyton Haggerty Brown, whose work is on display this month at the library.

### It's an instrument zoo at Bridgman library

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., will host an instrument petting zoo at 4:40 p.m. Jan. 20.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will learn about various instruments, being brought by The Citadel Dance and Music Center, during the hands-on program.

For more information, call 465-3663.

### Purdue Club seeks scholarship applicants

For the 18th year, the Purdue Club of Southwest Michigan is seeking scholarship applicants who are, or will be, attending Purdue

University and are permanent residents of Cass, Berrien or Van Buren counties.

Students must complete an application and provide an original essay per the application instructions.

Applications and essays must be received by the scholarship committee no later than March 1.

Applications are available online at [www.purduealumni.org/swmichigan](http://www.purduealumni.org/swmichigan).

For questions or more information, call Glenn Youngstedt, scholarship chair, at 861-0596.

### Library holding computer classes

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township Public Library, 2099 W. John Beers Road, is hosting a pair of technology classes this month.

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, a beginning internet class will be open to those 13 and older. A limited number of laptops will be available for use. Participants can bring their own.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday and Jan. 25, there will be a two-part class on PowerPoint. The class is also open to those 13 and older. Basic computer skills are required.

### LMC hosting racial equality forum

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College, 2755 E. Napier Ave., will host a free forum, "Promot-

ing Racial Equality in Education," from noon-2 p.m. Tuesday in Brown Lecture Hall.

There will be four panelists, all with expertise in education and race relations: Jeffrey Booker, Larry Feldman, Rebecca Fudge and Gladys Peebles-Burks.

After the panel presentations there will be opportunities for questions and discussion with those in attendance.

### Historical Museum explores Galapagos

COLOMA — The North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., will explore the tropical Galapagos Islands with Sarett Nature Center Director Dianne Braybrook at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Refreshments will follow the presentation.

The Galapagos Islands contain 15 islands and numerous endemic wildlife species. Wildlife highlights of the islands include: the Galapagos tortoise, Galapagos penguins, marine and land iguanas, Darwin finches, waved albatross, flightless cormorants and blue footed boobies.

Braybrook will relive her adventures of walking, snorkeling and "panga" riding at the travel destination.

No RSVP is required for this free program.

For questions, contact the museum at 468-3330 or at [kristen@northberrienhistory.org](mailto:kristen@northberrienhistory.org).