Sweet Tooth Cakery now open in Fruitport
Story and photos by Harry Wojahn
If you are in the mood for a special treat, be sure to step in at the Sweet Tooth Cakery and see Abby Welch. She will be the first to tell you that she is the one to ask. Abby has been baking since she was a child. She has been working in the business for eight years. She says that her daughter, who also helps her to be the best baker she can be, that she can give her a great life.

Abby has this talent, self-taught baking skills that help her make some of the sweetest treats you have ever tasted. I asked her what would be the one special desert that she would choose and why. Her answer was that she is unable to choose one item after putting all of her heart and soul into everything she makes to make sure everyone is satisfied.

She said the most positive effect that chocolate can have on someone is that it can take a person back to the time of walking in Grandma’s kitchen for those sweet chocolate chip cookies to come fresh out of the oven. She hopes to have the same effect on her customers to make everyone as happy as possible.

Abby says business has been great since she opened, and that all of her customers leave with a happy smile on their faces. She even said that she has one faithful customer who comes in daily.

Abby attended Nauvoo College of Cosmetology to become a hair stylist, but soon discovered that her true calling was to become a professional baker. Although she was born in Grand Rapids, her family moved to Fruitport where she grew up.

Sweet Tooth Cakery offers cinnamon rolls, sticky buns, 12 flavors of brownies, and two varieties of muffins and cupcakes. She likes to add a new treat to the selection every day to keep her customers guessing.

The bakery is located at 6541 Airline Road next to McDonald’s. It is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Phone (231) 366-7170.

P.J. Hoffmaster State Park
By Harry Wojahn
Since our state added the new state park permit to our license plate, a lot more people have been able to enjoy what places like P.J. Hoffmaster State Park have to offer. It is cheaper now by about $10 to $15. My wife and I went out to our local state park the other day. I was in the need to take some photos. The visitor center has a lot of information to offer. For example, they have a theater where you and your family can learn about different facts about the park.

They also have a walk through interactive room on the top level where you can learn about all of the different kinds of creatures you will possibly see while out in the park. On the lower level, there is a reptile room where you can view different kinds of reptiles. There is also a viewing window for taking photos of many different types of animals. It is equipped with a speaker system so you can hear the sounds from outside, without interfering with the animals’ natural habitat.

If you get the chance and want to have a great time learning more about your local state park, be sure to check out the visitor center. There are also some amazing walking trails that you can walk through and have fun seeing the interior of the park while getting some fresh air. There is also a public beach access when you first come into the park after you pass the check-in booth. The public beach is the first drive on the right. There are also other drives for picnicking and family events.

The visitor center is open until mid-November, Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. or until funds run out.

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Cars for cancer car and bike show
By Grant Berry

The 8th annual Labor Day Car for Cancer Car and Bike Show held at Mercy Health Partners Lakes Campus was a huge success this year. The September 3 event featured more than 600 local models, dozens of hot rods, customs, and muscle cars from all over the West Michigan area. The show also included motorcycles and a few annobiles, such as a double-decker bus, a Crocker wagon, and a vintage hearse.

The weather was sunny and clear. Perfect for the participants and the hundreds of spectators who watched out for this fun-packed event. Along with the spectacular cars on display, there were also food vendors, door prizes, a garage giveaway, an auction, engine belly pans, and many other cool things to see and do. The event was sponsored by the partnership between the Different Strokes Car Club the Knights of Columbus 12/335, and Mercy Health Partners.

"I thought it went smoothly compared to past events," said Craig Feeney, spokesperson for Different Strokes Car Club. "Attendance was good. We had a lot more spectators come through this year. I wasn't disappointed. The over-all event went well."

The Different Strokes Car Club was responsible for organizing and collecting trophy sponsors for the 33 classes with three trophies per class, including Best of Show and People's Choice awards. The Knights of Columbus awarded the trophies and prepared a pancake breakfast and a hot dog and hamburger lunch. The Mercy Health Partners handled the promotions on radio, newspapers, and flyers.

All proceeds from the Cars for Cancer Car Show went to patient care at Mercy Health Johnson Family Cancer Center. The event raised almost $50,000 this year, said John Jacobs from Mercy Health Partners.

"These groups are so ingrained in the community and work really hard to keep the money in the community. It's so meaningful to us, because the funds go for local patients every day. This is a great family event that benefits local families."

The year's Cars for Cancer Car and Bike Show would not be possible if it weren't for all of the generous trophy sponsors, donors, and contributors, car enthusiasts, and automobile collectors. The Different Strokes Car Club, Knights of Columbus, and Mercy Health Partners would like to thank each and every one of you for once again making this event a huge success.

In Bimbo's woods
By Mike Simchik

1995 was a particularly interesting year for me, and to say I was 12 years old just didn't cover it. Coming of age meant so many things in a little country town like3.

Everything in life was getting more interesting for me, like playing hockey from school on, occasion, with my friend Jim to go fishing, at the south channel and of our lake to cast crappies and stripers with wwllfe lures, kite string, safety pins and crickets. Unfortunately, my mother was a law driver for the school.

One Friday night in late September, Jim and I rode our bikes to the house of a friend of mine. It was about a mile past the outskirts of town. The only name I ever knew him to be called was "Bimbo," and I always thought he had a connection with the circus life in the past. Bimbo was 67 years old and his wife was 62. The reason I know this is because he was pregnant and everyone within 20 miles was talking about it.

Bimbo had a 1200-square-foot wood complete with a 400-acre pond loaded with bass and bluegill. A sawmill was at the farm end, and all the best bass was. The weather was perfect. Trees were turning colors, and squirrel season was open. I asked Bimbo if we could hunt squirrels Saturday morning. Of course, he said yes. I knew he really hated those little bugs. Yes, life was perfect, but there was no way anyone could possibly know what critical drama was ready to unfold. I was about to "grow up fast, learning, learning, to take the responsibilities lost for not being an option."

Both Jim and I had 410 single-action shotguns. Stepping to them, our handles, we rode our bikes to Bimbo's house. We knew exactly when and where we wanted to be that Saturday morning. Where all the beech trees were in a small clearing about 150 yards into the woods. We picked our trees so we could see each other, then settled in.

Only a few minutes had passed when the silence was broken with the crack of a rifle that sounded like it came from the road. I looked back and drove to see, but no one was in sight. Then I looked back at Jim, only to see him gunning lying on the ground, his eyes glazed, mouth open, and hands stretched. Jim had been shot!

I dropped my gun and ran over to him, wanting to help but not sure what to do. I had been shot through both hands. The bullet had glanced off his grotto and lodged into his left shoulder. My friend was bleeding badly, but he never cried. Just looked at me with painful eyes expecting me to do something fast.

I took off my jacket and shirt, then took the t-shirt and tied it up for bandages and used rope to tie into loops with a stick to steady the bleeding of his hands and arm. It was a long way back to town. My mind was racing, but my father usually said, "Never panic and never give up."

I covered both legs with leaves, lifted him up, and headed for the bikes. However, it was obvious that neither of us could ride bikes, so I put his right arm around my neck and started a fast walk. I was hoping we could reach Dr. Gengel's office in time because he never normally went home at night.

After a few more yards, Jim finally turned from fear of blood. Even a kid like me knew that was a very bad thing.

But now I could see the door open, my head, and look for the house. Jim was walking in front. Nearly exhausted, he looked up and saw the clear blue sky. He asked me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see the door is open, and there is a light source."

"It's not for me, but we could use a little help here.," So I lifted and down the green chair and lay on the doorsteps next to where I was used to sit. I said, "In Bimbo's woods.""Jim and I enjoyed each other's company until high school was finished. Jim got the Army and joined the Navy. I never saw him again. Still today I wonder where his strength came from that day, how Jim made out in life, and I think back about the lessons I learned in my youth."

*Text can ask for help, but never give up trying!*

Remember: Utility land is off limits to hunters
(Submitted by Consumers Energy)

As the hunting season got underway in Michigan, Consumers Energy is reminding the public that hunting is not allowed on the utility property.

The law protects the safety of neighbors, utility workers and others. It also addressed concerns of neighboring landowners that irresponsible hunters will use Consumers Energy property as staging areas.

"We are asking Michigan sportsmen and sportswomen to remember that Consumers Energy property is private land, not public property," said Mike Williams, Consumers Energy's director of corporate security. "Anyone observing a hunt or gun shoot violation on utility land is asked to contact their local law enforcement agency or Consumers Energy's corporate security office at 1-888-370-3395. Consumers Energy offers cash rewards of varying amounts for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who damage company equipment or property."
Sherrie Jawor and Ana Ponce represented Jawors Brothers Country Store at the Cooperville Farm Museum's Fresh Berry Pie Contest during Cooperville Summerfest. The store chose to enter their dairy blueberry pie and also a blueberry cream cheese pie for people to sample and vote. Both pies received positive reviews and the country store placed third by the voting public. The blueberry pies also received the Director's Choice Award. Both of these pies are available for purchase on a regular basis at the store located on Heights Ravenna Road between Barons and Maple Island roads, along with a variety of other freshly baked items. The store is open seasonally until September 20 and is currently taking orders for holiday pies, which can be picked up the week of Thanksgiving. (Photo by Jenny Ermeyer)

Southern Gospel concert at Northside Bible Church
(Submitted by Northside Bible Church)
The Brown family, from Lebanon, Iowa, will be at Northside Bible Church in a return visit for a full Southern Gospel concert. On Friday evening, October 17 at 7 p.m., both vocalists and lively music will fill the church.

The Browns have traveled throughout the United States sharing the gospel. They have received the prestigious honor of Top 10 Gospel Group of the Year by the Singing News Magazine. They have several CDs, which will be available for purchase at the night of the concert.

This award-winning family will inspire you with their close-knit family harmony and talent. The Browns love what they do, and they love sharing the gospel through their music.

Northside Bible Church has been hosting southern gospel concerts for over 20 years, and continues to fill the church with each concert. The church is located at 1937 North Whitchurch Road (north of Tanner Supply Company) in North Muskegon. No tickets are needed for this concert; however, a freewill offering will be taken. Following the offering and a brief refreshment time, winners of the evening's drawings will be announced. The fellowship is always a bonus.

For directions or more information, please call (231) 777-1588 or (231) 329-1477.

Fruitport Eagles hosting a holiday vendor event
(Submitted by the Fruitport Eagles)
The Fraternal Order of Eagles 336, 3354 S. Dangl, is hosting a holiday vendors open house on Saturday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to the event featuring many area vendors, food and baked goods.

For more information, call (231) 777-3014.
FCS bus drivers participate in regional bus rodeo

Submitted by Darlene Field

In May of this year, Fruitport Community Schools' bus drivers participated in the Region 2 bus rodeo. The team came in second place overall with Darlene Field taking first place for Fruitport. Darlene went on to compete at the state level in West Branch, Michigan in June.

The team was pleased to have those businesses that donated to the Region 2 luncheon and door prizes. They include: Fruitport Automotive, Dog N Suds Drive In, Root's Restaurant, Baxter's LP Gas, Amvets Legion Post 8, Trend Benders (Larry LeMaine), Hedda's Cafe, Fruitport Orchard Market, Whittow's Furniture, M & S Bank, Grover Pharmacy and Pacifico Landscaping.

FCS bus drivers: (back row, left to right): Rob Strong, Nancy Walker, Carey Wrisell, Lori Hall, Bernice Christophers, Angie Lucy, and Barb Boyer. (front row): Darlene Field, Becky Skudlarski, supervisory, Dottie Dominok and Cheryl Bouter.

Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church to hold Bazaar

Submitted by Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 1802 E. Rife Road (across from Whittow's Restaurant) will host its annual fall bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m.

The bazaar features Slovak and Swedish baked goods, crafts, a white elephant sale, raffles and drawings. There is also an auction to support the BIBLE Club (ELCA anti-malaria project).

Friends group seeking members

By Mary Heimer

The Friends of the Fruitport Library is seeking more members. The group supports the library programs and materials in many ways, hosting book sales, fundraisers, volunteering for children's programs, and supporting special needs as they arise.

Membership in the Friends group is free. Meetings are held monthly except during the winter months. The next scheduled meeting of the Friends group is Monday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in the library. Discussion will be the schedule for the next book sale to be held on November 10.

Fruitport schools' retirees

Submitted by Fruitport Community Schools

Now that students and staff are back at school, some familiar faces are being missed as 26 faculty and staff members have recently retired. They include: Linda Betners, Carla Clark, Carla Dykema, Sue Eicher, Rob Fren, Pam Groom, Robin Hahn, Virginia Hebert, Norm Huizenga, Gray Jackson, Shirley Kiesewetter, Mary Leonard, Pat McGeor, Mary Millard, Kim Rostyn, Dan Scherl, Kim Steg, Ken Smith, Kathy Smith, Mike Smith, Barb Veitch, Judy West, Char White, Steve Wilson, Ann Wright and Bill Young.

Best wishes to all on your retirement.

Two more new Michigan license plates available

Submitted by the Michigan Secretary of State

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson revealed two new license plates for Michigan drivers recently.

Michigan will move to a new standard plate that features a rolling blue wave and the Pure Michigan brand. Like the current blue and white standard plate, it will have a configuration of up to seven characters and will be available at no additional cost. Incorporating Pure Michigan on the state license plate is a way to reinforce the Pure Michigan brand message both in state and across the country.

The Mackinac Bridge plate, which will gradually replace the state's Spectacular Peninsulas plate, features a bridge against a northern background. It will also feature the state's Pure Michigan branding. The new Mackinac Bridge plate will cost $5 in addition to the regular registration fee.

Both new plates display the Pure Michigan logo at the top, replacing the block letter MICHIGAN on current plates.

Internet educational programs on the constitution available

By FAN staff

A free 10 session course on the U.S. Constitution is being offered online and at no charge as part of a major national educational campaign. Hillsdale College has launched. Already, more than 200,000 citizens have registered for the course.

The American Revolution Against the British King led to the establishment of the first nation in the history of the world founded upon the idea that men are created by God with the "inalienable rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Because government was strictly limited by the Constitution, the United States rapidly grew into the finest, most prosperous nation in human history.

If you would like to register for Constitution101, which is archived on the college website so anyone can access it at any time, please go to Hillsdalecollege.com/constituion101.
Turkey Trail Run at Hoffmaster

By Danielle Hoot

The first annual Gilead Nature Association Turkey Trail Run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park on November 3, 2012. The challenging 5K run begins at 9 a.m. with a Little Turkey 1 Mile Run at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to November 1 registration is $25; from November 1 through race day, registration is $30. Prizes for the first three finishers in 14 different age groups will be awarded, including one prize for the best-dressed turkey.

The Little Turkey 1 Mile Run is free. A prize will be given to children who complete the run. No t-shirts will be given. Registration for the Little Turkey Run begins at 9 a.m.

Turkey Day stations will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. including games, a chance to make your own turkey, and information about wild turkeys. There will be five different stations with a special prize for completing all five stations.

As part of Turkey Day, there is a food drive for the Salvation Army food bank, a cranberry sauce contest, and best-dressed turkey awards.

All proceeds go to the Gilead Nature Association at Hoffmaster State Park. The Association is a non-profit organization that promotes and sponsors interpretive activities and educational opportunities for the Muskegon and Ottawa county community surrounding the Gilead Nature Center.

You will need a recreation passport for park entry.

Register online at www.gileadnature.com or for more information, visit www.gileadnature.com or call 231-926-3262.

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Some costly driver responsibility fees end

(Submitted by the Michigan Secretary of State)

Some driver responsibility fees for lesser driving offenses have been eliminated. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson praised the elimination, saying, “Citizens already have to pay court fees and usually see higher insurance rates for violations. These extra fees have made things tougher for many families.”

For the following violations, drivers will no longer have to pay the $200 driver responsibility fee, previously charged for two consecutive years following the offense:

- Operating a motor vehicle with an expired operator's or chauffeur’s license
- Operating without a valid license
- Having a non-suspension license
- Failing to surrender licenses from other states

The new law also eliminated the $210 driver responsibility fee for two years following the offense for:

- Failing to have mandatory motor vehicle insurance coverage
- Failure to produce proof of insurance
- Knowingly providing false evidence of insurance

Drivers who owe these fees for offenses committed before October 1, 2012, will still be responsible for paying them.

Other driver responsibility fees of $500 and $1,000 for two consecutive years for a variety of more serious motor vehicle offenses, including alcohol-related, controlled substance and reckless driving violations, remain in place.

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Coopersville Summerfest
Story by FAF staff; photos by Maureen Beck
The annual Coopersville Summerfest celebration took place in Coopersville August 6 to 11. The variety of events expanded each year and includes a number of activities in honor of Coopersville's favorite son, the late Del Shannon.

The weeklong celebration demonstrates the love of cooperation within the community of the arts, organizations, businesses and residents that it takes to put forth an event that draws 200,000 people.

This year's Summerfest was seven fun-filled days packed with activities like a scholarship pageant, food competitions, Six Flags, several fund-raising events, a tractor show, silent auction, quilt show, kids' events and the fan-favorite Del Shannon Car Show and Cruise.

Shirley Westover (the mother of Del Shannon's children) and longtime friend Leo Marshall of Coopersville, take a moment to pose for the camera. They, too, have a tradition of being together during Summerfest in Coopersville and the celebration of Del Shannon's fame. They enjoy catching up, looking at all the vehicles, and chatting with the people who come from all around the world to celebrate.

Luke Cunningham, a 10-year-old from Spart, attends Coopersville School and was featured on FOX 17 News for performing for the crowds at Summerfest. He entertained the crowd by playing the piano and guitar while singing selections including Del Shannon's "Runaway," which was released 51 years ago. Luke is a very talented young man and has been performing for the past four years.

Peppe's Pizza rejuvenated
Story and photos by Harry Vajda
As many of you may know, Peppe’s Pizza in Grand Haven has been undergoing some updates. Local resident and professional painter John Lein has been part of the rejuvenation of the pizzeria, giving its walls bright, new colors and a new lease on life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore awarded grant
(Submitted by Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Lakeshore)
The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zee- land area has agreed to grant Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore $5,000 to support their proven mentoring programs. The third quarter award will provide a necessary financial boost funding program expenses and salaries to recruit, interview, pair and support adult volunteers with an additional 25 children in need of mentoring. It is estimated that each match costs $950 annually transport, although the program is free to participate.

The National Big Brothers Big Sisters model, established in 1958, is arguably the most successful mentoring programs. Locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore is operated since 1959 and serves about 125 children annually through its community-based programs in Ottawa, Muskegon, Osceola and Mason counties.

The grant will provide critical revenue to run and expand programs, which will, in turn, increase awareness and build community partnerships in the Holland and Zee- land areas.

Since 1969, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore is dedicated to assisting youth reach their full potential through professionally supported mentoring relationships. This is accomplished through carefully matching adult volunteers, "Bigs," with children ages five to 12 known as "Littles" and giving them independent opportunities to enjoy a friendship flourish. Many Big Little relationships last for years as Bigs becomes a lifelong friend, mentor and positive role model for the Little. On a national level, Big Brothers Big Sisters was founded in 1947 and serves over 250,000 children annually operating under the belief that every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life.
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Resume


West Michigan Spay and Neuter Clinic 501c3 to Present
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Fruitport Area News Inc 1983-present
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Copies & More Inc. 1993-present
Founder and President. My wife, Mariana, is the manager.

Farmer 1957-present
At one time, raised about 1,000 acres of field corn, 50 acres of produce, and grew the original sweet corn raised commercially in this area, the biggest corn harvests in this area with three combines operating and harvested most of the wastewater system’s corn for their first 2 years along with our customers. At present, doing very little farming.

Thanks a Million! Food Truck 2009-2010
Drove the semi Thanks a Million! food truck. Picked up food at the Feeding America warehouse in Grand Rapids and delivered and worked about 60 loads throughout West Michigan delivering about 600,000 pounds of food to needy families in an area from Hudsonville to Holland to Frankfort to Cadillac. Also arranged and managed other tractor-seated trucks directly with Feeding America using their trucks.

Fruitport Lions Club Member 1957-2012
55th year, former president, board member, Old Fashioned Days board, Lion of the Year, Melvin Jones Fellow twice, Distinguished Service Award, Co-Chair of Lions Bandshell construction project and raised all the funds.

Creator, CEO. Sold in 1994 to a national company.
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First Congregational Church of Fruitport 1984-present
Member, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent for many years and at the present time.

Married to Mariana. We have six kids, foster kids, 17 + grandkids, 9 great-grandkids. Both of us were born and raised in the Fruitport area.

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• Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt
• Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines
• Started a soccer park on Sheringer Rd.
• Extended bike paths
• Added to the cemetery building
• Renovating the bathrooms at Farr Field
• Added two practice fields at east side of Farr Field
• Built police headquarters ($300,000) onto fire station on Airline
• Focused Lights on Water Tower
• Inherited a $500,000 budget deficit and balanced it.

Added 11 needed extensions to our water trunk lines

Under Ron’s administration several important loops were completed that are part of our master plan for water distribution. There are several more that should be completed, but we succeeded in completing some very important ones that had been ignored for 30 years. A huge contribution to the cost of these improvements and extensions was from grants and contributions from businesses on those lines (over $500,000). This has added to the circulation and freshness needed for large areas in our township’s water system.

• Eastbound ON & OFF ramps at I-96 and Sternberg Rd.
This was a high priority project from my first week in office. We went through close to a dozen hearings and received a recommendation from MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation). The project was sent to the Federal DOT (Department of Transportation) for final approval. Over 2 million dollars ($2,000,000) in grant money was set aside for this project at the Federal level and more was pledged locally.

• Recycling site – The Spring Clean-Up was established during my first term in office. When I left office, we were also providing a fall cleanup as well.

• Land for Soccer Park – With more than 600 Fruitport Township youth in soccer (more than all the other sports combined), I feel that there is a need for a park dedicated to youth soccer. When I ran for office in 2004, I set as a personal goal to add more soccer fields to our parks system. After taking office, we had meetings with the soccer parents’ group and encouraged them to participate and help identify the best location of land the township owned. Forty (40) acres of township property on Porter Road was chosen. Opposition developed against using the land for that purpose, and with the help of some very key people, a 3-way land swap was made with the township, the conservation district, and the school system. The township now has ownership of 20 acres on Sheringer Road for our soccer park.

• Bike Paths
We built miles of bike paths and lanes during both terms, all within our budget. I believe bike paths are important to the health and welfare of our community and much more can be done. When I left office we had about 1/2 of the money needed pledged to connect the Muskeatka bike path on the north to the Spring Lake bike path on the south. It looks like the current administration has abetted the project. Some of the money pledged has now been used for an Ottawa County bike path.
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OR RON COOPER
Supervisor
are revealing

What did Ron do during the previous term in office?

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• Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt
• Maintained the dozen or so old roads which the county wouldn't accept.

1. Harvey between Judson & Ottawa County line
2. Mt. Garfield between Kenosha & Quarterline
3. Quarterline between Forestlawn & Sternberg
4. Sheridan between Mt. Garfield & Sternberg
5. 14th Street north of W. Drive

Participated with the county road commission to do chip and seal to resurface many miles of roads.

6 & 2
• During his two terms he established 6 Bike Paths and 2 Bike Lanes
• He also purchased the equipment to maintain the bike paths during the winter, including the sidewalk near Beach School.

1. The bike path on two sides of the Mall frontage.
2. The bike path on Henry in front of Meijer
3. The bike path on Sheridan between Mt. Garfield & Sternberg
4. Worked with others to establish the bike path from the Fruitport Village to the Spring Lake bike path
5. The bike lanes, both sides of Portilena between the middle school & Harvey
6. Bike path on Independence Drive, Harvey to Meijer

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• Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines
• Most of these extensions were important looping in the master plan that had been left unfinished for 50+ years.

1. Heights Ravenna Road east to Brooks Road
2. Brooks Road from Trail Side to Herzkamp
3. Broadway Avenue east to bike path (Muskatawa Trail)
4. Dangl Road between Aline and Sternberg
5. Sternberg Road from Dangl to Brooks Road
6. Stringer Road from Mt. Garfield to Sternberg
7. Brooks Road from Sternberg to Ellis Road
8. Ellis Road east to Brooks Road
9. Harvey Street, Wilson to Judson
10. Brooks Road – connected water mains north and south of Norris Creek
11. Wilson Road – connection line, Harvey Street to Norton Shores

With Norton Shores negotiated through the courts an agreement to have Muskegon Heights return over $200,000 that they had intermingled with their general fund from the water fund.

Since the water service agreement was negotiated during Ron's first term, with his direct involvement, Fruitport and Norton Shores have had lower cost water than either Muskegon or Grand Haven customers pay.

After a thorough examination and studying the agreement with the race track, I knew they were sending the Fruitport Township share of the betting formula away from Fruitport. They didn't expect us to know what they were doing. It was in their best interest to work behind the scenes to make sure I wasn't selected. The new board would not familiarize themselves with the case. There was a lot at stake for track ownership. Ron initiated the suit against the race track for not paying about a million dollars in betting fees to the township using funds from the track designed for that purpose, not from the general fund. One of the track attorneys, Nelson Westin, had acknowledged that the track would probably settle for between $700,000 and $800,000 when they could no longer stall the case through the courts and if the township board stayed committed. The national ownership agreed in court to pay for the state ownership's obligation when that time came. Ron agreed to be responsible for the township's attorney bill personally from that time on because he could not bear to see the township lose that much money because of petty politics by the township board, and with the understanding he would be reimbursed for his expenses when the settlement took place. He is still making monthly payments on that bill. The track owners were having difficulty stalling it any longer and were at a point where they would be getting the judge's decision if they didn't settle it. The settlement took place without Ron's knowledge and for a ridiculously small amount. Since the township settled for such a small amount, Brian recommended to just put the settlement into the general fund.
Is this what Brian calls "Positive Leadership"?

Bending the law and even making up laws to do people in (and to show them who's boss)! Following are some examples:

Critter Café

Airline Rd., Fruitport

- Christine, the Critter Café, located across the road from the fire station on Airline Road, Christine puts her heart and soul into rescuing abandoned pets and finding new homes for them. She averages about 220 per year. Her's is the only rescue in our area that takes all pets including rabbits, rats, birds, etc. Before moving into her location, she requested a letter of permission from the township which she received May of 2008. Police departments, including the Fruitport police department, 911, and other rescuers that take only dogs and cats send her abandoned pets.

After four years operating her rescue, she initiated a letter sent by Michigan Township Services that told her that all her "animals must be removed from the property until all necessary approvals are given by the Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals." Brian's actions could be because Christine complained to authorities that an animal the police asked her to pick up had been abused. There was a connection between Brian and the possible abuser.

Receiving the letter and emailing it to some of her fellow rescuers for their opinion on what she should do, she called Township Services and they told her she needed to go to Brian's office and talk to him, which she did.

According to Christine and others who were nearby, Brian holstered that 5,000 people had responded to him on the internet and proceeded to verbally and aggressively (in an intentionally intimidating manner) abuse her to the point where she broke down in tears, and he still continued.

On Channel 8 news he said he had no knowledge of the Critter Café existing. Brian put an ad in the December 2008 FAN. Right next to it (about 1/2"), is an article about the Critter Café Faccin with a picture of her sign, and Brian seems to be looking right at it. Usually, when someone puts an ad in the paper with their picture in it, they check it out at least once. Additionally, the fire and police department driveway faces her sign and Brian probably uses that drive about once a week.

Christine seems to be a pleasant and open person who might not be able to defend herself. Fortunately, the public came forward and offered to do what they could to help her. Christine sends her limited retirement in her rescue and has no funds left over. One person who stepped forward was an attorney, Ginny Mikota, from Rockford who started a conversation with the township attorney, and Christine has been in limbo ever since, not knowing from day to day what is going to happen to her and her rescue.

She knows that the Department of Agriculture, the DNR, Animal Control, and Pound Buddies had been contacted by the township because they had contacted her.

Recently, she was in the hospital for a few days because she was injured by a cat that was dropped off at her rescue by an unknown person. Even though volunteers looked after the rescue while she was in the hospital, it was a worry to her of what the township might do to her rescue while she was gone.

Mark Diederich

2636 E. Pontaluna Rd., Fruitport

Mark and his dad before him, have been taking in yard compostables since the 1940s. When I was in office a couple neighbors complained that his place was not neat enough to suit them. Mark also lives there in a 100-year-old house that his grandfather built. I checked out the legals with what Mark was doing and came to the conclusion that he was agriculture and pre-existed any of our zoning ordinances, and under the law he should be able to continue.

In 1995, Fred Constantin from Michigan Township Services, wrote Mark that the township has no problem with the composting behind his house and acknowledged that an unlicensed van was a farm vehicle.

One of the neighbors told me at that time to get rid of Mark. When I told him that he was within the law, I was told to get rid of him anyway, because government can do it! At that point I realized that our township government should be protecting Mark, not doing him in. With that background, I'm assuming that the same neighbor who told Mark the same thing because in early 2011, Fruitport Township get an order to enter Mark's home and started the process to condemn and demolish it. It's my opinion that the judge who issued the order to enter Mark's home and all other buildings on his property was not fully informed of Mark's situation. Yellow tape was put across his driveway thus putting him out of business and it has never been taken down by the township.

Brian again had to deal with angry protesters supporting Mark and gave him more time to do some of the improvements inside of his house that the township demanded of him. The township hired a building inspector from Norton Shoes and called him a "Hearing Officer" to make numerous requirements to basically bring his 100-year-old house up to modern code. I believe this was an abuse of power by Brian who had to get permission from outside our township to do the dirty deed because our local inspectors fully understood and were probably not anxious to participate.

Mark is a pleasant man whom one would assume would be unable to defend himself. Thankfully, the public became involved to help him.

Using the Assessor to Spy

I have been made aware that the township, under Brian's direction, is using the township assessor to spy on our citizens' property because the township zoning and building department can't keep up with a warrant.

On Wilson Road, the township assessor entered private property and took pictures of what was a legal operation that could not be seen from any other property and gave the pictures to township services.

At the same time, the assessor took pictures of some cars on neighboring property that no one could see except from the property that it was standing on, and turned them in to township services. I have first-hand knowledge of this. I was told by a very reliable source that the assessor also went into a fenced-in area behind a garage that had an unlicensed car, so no one could see from outside the fence. This unlicensed car may have been that of a son away at college or in the service. Whether or not the car was there legally is not the question. I believe it is against the law to use the township assessor in this way.

The New Water Agreement

I don't believe it's a good decision to stop buying water from the Muskegon Heights water plant.

1. Fruitport and Norton Shores have paid less for water than Muskegon water plant customers for nearly all of 40 years.

2. It's been healthy for Muskegon water plant customers because Muskegon was limited on how much more they could charge their customers over what the Heights charged.

3. With Fruitport and Norton Shores contract to Muskegon for water, it will make it difficult for the Heights plant to survive.

4. The Heights marked their water to Fruitport and Norton Shores by 25% and they desperately need that income.

5. It's in everyone's interest to help the Heights succeed. Their problems split over to the neighboring communities whether it is crime, school sports, or area visitors safety going through the Heights and numerous other ways.

6. It's utterly irresponsible to purposely damage the Heights like that, and the end result will be that the Muskegon plant will have a monopoly. When our contract runs out, our price will increase to the level their other customers are paying, and we will get what we deserve for failing to consider what is best for the Heights in our decision.

Misleading Advertising

Brian states in his advertising that he "Eliminated over three million dollars in debt at no additional cost to the taxpayers." More simply, he paid the water and sewer bond payments with money that was in those funds and actually he didn't do it, but the treasurer did.

He says he eliminated "over $500,000 in interest payments on behalf of the taxpayers." Interest costs have gone down without Brian's help and the township treasurer has simply taken advantage of the lower rates. "Reduced operational costs by $587,000 (25.1%) while improving services." At the moment I don't have the means to check if he is correct. Services have improved.

Not funding the privatistics roads that have been maintained by the township for years?

Doing one unadvertised cleanup in the sopping and eliminating the all clean up?

Having such poor police investigation that people are starting to not call the police after a robbery because it isn't worth the bother?

"Saved the Fruitport Sewer System from bankruptcy." First I've heard of it and don't believe it.

"Improved the financial position of the township so we are no longer borrowing to pay bills." I would like him to show where the township borrowed to pay the bills unless it was to keep from cashing in high paying CDs for a short term need.

Cline Road Property Sale

The township owned 101 acres on Cline Road. Why did we sell that property at the bottom of the market? Why did our price by $100,000 to do it? It was the largest parcel the township owned and also had some of the highest ground.

Government's job is to protect its citizens. That includes those less able to defend themselves. If we allow our government to do them in, who's next and where does it stop? We all have a responsibility to respond and that's one of the main reasons I am running for township supervisor.

-Rom

This pull-out was put together just before this paper went to press without much proofing. Some of what is printed here is from memory and I believe it is accurate, but there is the possibility that I may be off on something. If anyone has a question regarding the accuracy, please give me a call at 865-3135 and I will do my best to respond.
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Lakeshore 504 interest rates at all-time low
(Submitted by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)
Lakeshore 504 interest rates for small businesses hit an all-time low in September with a 4.28 percent fixed rate for 20 years. If your business is in the market to buy an existing building, or buy or renovate equipment, you must look into the Small Business Administration’s 504 loan program.
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Littering by the deck
By Harry Wojahn
I was on the deck at Peninsula Park and noticed that there was quite a bit of litter in the lake below. We all need to remember that our precious lake is just that: ours. More than that, it belongs to all of the wildlife that resides in it. And, unfortunately, they cannot pick up and walk away from it. It’s their home, and we need to take care of it.
We cannot let the acts of a few inconsiderate people destroy our beautiful lake, just because they do not feel the need to take the time to throw their trash in the appropriate trash receptacles. Would you want someone to come into your home and throw trash all over your floors? So below you throw your garbage in the lake, remember it is not only a crime, but also just plain rude to ruin such a beautiful environment as our lake.
We should learn to enjoy the lake, not destroy it.
Everyone loves a mystery except...

By Pastor J. Koodyker (Ward of Hope Church)

I must admit that I enjoy reading a good mystery novel and film. In fact, when we took our vacation for a week up North, I packed a few "mystery" novels to read.

I suppose it is because of the structure of mysteries that back in 1994, Northwest Airlines offered a so-called "Mystery Fares" for $99. The ticket provided a one-flight trip to an unknown city somewhere in the United States. Buyers didn't find out where they were going until their flight arrived at the airport. The fare went over amazingly well. In Indianapolis, for example, 1,500 people clogged the airline counter to buy the mystery tickets that were sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not surprisingly, when customers learned their destinations, not all were thrilled! One man, who was hoping to go to New Orleans, was substituted through the airline to continue his trip to Detroit. I just can't imagine why he wouldn't want to go to "Motor City." Mystery Fares might be a fun surprise for a weekend vacation, but usually most of us like to know where we're going. And, we know we can usually WANT to have a mystery ticket on the day of your flight - whether it be a mystery. "God has loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" John 3:16. Make sure today that you have reserved your ticket.

New Spring Lake arrival

Phillip and Courtney Palmau of Spring Lake are pleased to announce the arrival of Emmy Palmau. She was born at North Ottawa Community Hospital on September 9 and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

A time to reflect

By All Schneider

I was deeply moved. During a recent PBS television program featuring oldies, there was Kate Smith singing "God Bless America." It had been a long time since I saw her do this. It was the same version that I had first heard as a child. Many years ago, we kids sang that song in the country school where I attended. That was before God was bootstrapped out of classrooms. Kids can't speak in the schools anymore.

In that same schoolhouse we staged a Christmas program each year and called it that. We sang Christmas songs, performed skits, and even watched the audience. Merry Christmas is a wonderful time of year, and yet, in our own way, tried to express that. That was significant.

God, who loves children, is no longer permitted to mingle with them inside the schoolroom. He's an outcast. Evil God; enter Darwin, Devoid, and darkness.

God has become somewhat of a stranger in our society as well. In one of the recent political conventions, his name was scrubbed from the party platforms. Only by a rather unconvincing voice vote, yet, strangely, speeches delivered at both conventions would typically end with a "God Bless America." Yes, we are uncertain about having Jesus hanging around, then we want Him to bless. Do we take Him for a savior/mentor? It seems.

I had intended to make this piece about Christopher Columbus, whose special day comes up in October. Columbus, too, has found himself standing on the school doorstep a time or two. True, Columbus brought some of the quandary upon himself. He exercised piloting skills, but he didn't foresee the massive impact that his arrival would have on the native populations. He was, and still is, a good seaman, and he lacked tact in dealing with the native population. His specialty lay in navigation, which he was excellent at.

But Columbus had other traits, which have been given school administration praise. Columbus was one of those "God and Country" people for which schools have so much resistance. According to historian Marita Stengel, when Columbus came ashore at San Salvador (now Colombia), "He kissed the sand, thanked God for success, and died." Then he funneled the Spanish flag, taking possession of the land for his queen. On his return trip, he took six captives in the process of converting them to Christianity. None of these actions find favor with present-day curricula writers.

Selbst mentioned (fewer during our school days), is the fact that on his second voyage, Columbus brought 17 ships carrying 1,200 passengers, horses, sheep, cows, and pigs. Biographer Samuel Eliot Morison stated, "No European nation had ever undertaken an overseas colonizing expedition on anything approaching this scale."

On a personal note, let me say that I spent my keyboard in a dairy barn and field, considerable time at sea. I must say that no amount of coercion would have gotten me aboard one of those ships.

He never touched U.S. soil. Yet, two state capitals and some 40 other U.S. cities, towns and counties are named after him. There is Columbus, Ohio, the District of Columbus in the District of Columbia, and the Columbia River and Columbia University. I think he deserves a chair in the classroom on his special day - right up there at the front of the classroom.

God Bless America!

Prayer and the coming election

(Condensed from the Gospel Tract Society)

There is a spirit of diversion in the Bible that God resists the work of His people with regard to national interests. He has His own sovereign ways of raising up and setting aside rulers.

"God was quite ready to hear Abraham's prayers for wicked Sodom and Gomorrah. He is no less ready to hear our prayers for America."

"Consider the impact of Daniel's prayer life on the godless rulers of the great Babylonian Empire. God's man of prayer was not an instrument of the tyrants, but he was a constant prayer, a constant witness to the people of God's power."

I think of the effectiveness of Nehemiah's prayers in the restoring of a defeated, scattered and broken nation. Back to Nehemiah's courageous leadership and hard work was continual prayer.

I think of the needed discernment of the nation and God's people in the coming election. We must pray for the needed discernment of the people of God, and a committed independent work of God's people.

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Faith is change

By Reverend R.A. Shackle

Faith is change. It is the church membership and large. Faith is the Great I Am. In our personal lives or our society is that for large numbers of Christians their faith remains constant. Yet, our society is a sin-filled and wicked world, yet, our society is a sin-filled and wicked world, yet, our society is a sin-filled and wicked world, yet, our society is a sin-filled and wicked world. It is not to suggest that church members don't have their belief in God seriously. Father is that it often is not our belief in God that is the problem. It is our own faith and faith in God that is the problem. Faith is a life of love with all that goes with it. Faith is being transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Jesus said, "Take up your light and shine for others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.""
A parable of two religions
By Clifford Lame
Two twelve-year-old neighbors were in the backyard together. One boy was black; the other was white. The black boy grabbed the arm of the other boy, twisted his arm behind his back and said, “you believe in my god or I’ll break your arm, and if you say anything against my religion, I’ll burn your parents’ house down!”

Two other twelve-year-old neighbors were in the backyard together. One boy was religion; the other was not. Both boys one summer night were lying back on the grass looking up at the clear starry sky. The religious boy said to the other boy, “the starry sky is awesome! There are thousands of stars and planets in the vast universe. Our earth and sun is just a part of it all. Our earth moves around the sun once every year with a tilt that gives us summer, fall, winter, and spring. It all works like clockwork. Surely, there must be a loving and benevolent God who created and designed it all!”

This is but a parable but it illustrates that a forced religion is really no religion. A free-will faith religion is genuine. God has created us with a free will. He could make us say or do whatsoever He wants, but He doesn’t do so because He is pleased when we voluntarially and obey Him. As a person I am pleased when my wife, children or friends by their own free will will say they love me and like to fellowship with me. What pleasure would I have if I forced them to do so?

A forced religion is but people using a religion to control other people without a free exercise of their will and love. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

New hours announced at the Fruitport library
By Mary Wolters
New branch hours were recently announced by the Muskegon Area District Library. The Fruitport branch will now be open 40 hours weekly. Library hours are:
Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Why memorize Scripture?
By Al Weizman
Scripture is also known as the Holy Bible and the Word of God.
We know that Satan hates God’s Word and can’t stand to be around it. We know that from the Holy Bible itself. Matthew 4:1-11 tells of the time when Satan came to Jesus and tried to get Jesus to do certain things. Every time Jesus was tempted by Satan, He quoted verses from Scripture. Satan immediately felt it, but then returned to try again to make Jesus do what He shouldn’t do. Satan gave up when Jesus kept quoting verses. How can we learn from Jesus’ example?
First, we need to realize that Jesus knew the Scriptures. Jesus did not have an electronic device he could use to look up an appropriate verse. In other words, Jesus had the verses stored in His memory. Satan gives Jesus the clue to recall the right verse. You might agree that Jesus was the sinless Son of God and, of course, He knew the Scripture. Remember that Jesus grew up in a Jewish family and was taught the Scriptures from childhood. Jesus’ humanity was like us, sin excepted. We are sinful creatures, prone to evil, so it is very important for us to be ready with the ammunition when Satan tempts us. God’s Word is filled with ammunition. Each verse can be used to send Satan away.
Satan, in many schemes and diabolic ways to get us in sin or be discouraged. Sexual sins are forever present every day and verses can be selected and memorized to send Satan away. For example, Proverbs 5:11-21:1 verse King David prayed to God. “Create in me a pure heart, O God, renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Memorize this verse and when tempted or whimpered or when an impure thought comes to your mind, think or say the verse. Satan will leave or the impure thought will disappear. You can use 2 Chronicles 7:14 and 1 John 1:9 to be reassured of God’s promise of forgiveness and purification. Satan can discourage you if you do not have the truth well in mind, because we do sin every day.
The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10-20 and the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 5:8-9 tell us what we must do. Both stress the importance of God’s Word firmly in mind. That can only be done by memorization and daily meditation on the Word. You can always meditate on something that is always foremost in your mind.
If you want a promise from God, memorize Proverbs 3:5-6. If you want to hope, memorize Romans 5:12. If you want to keep on mind who you are, memorize Ephesians 2:20-21. If you want to sense the Father’s love, memorize Revelation 21:1-5.

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