Select the right candidate this November
Letter to the Editor:

It’s your annual loving friend, Christine Lea, here.

I am the “bunny loving lady,” for Critter Cafe Rescue on Airline and Sth. Garland’s corner.

I am writing in celebration of our privilege of CHOICE. This November, we have the honor of electing our next township supervision for Fruitport Charter Township. My wonderful friend, Ron Cooper, is on the township superintendence ballot as a nonpartisan candidate. He and most of his family are lifelong residents of Fruitport Township. Ron is also one of our elders at Fruitport Congregational Church. He is a respectable, fair and trustworthy guy who has all of our best interests at heart, including that of our beloved pets.

For such a small community as Fruitport, we are fortunate to have so many great people of different societys. In Fruitport Township, with the support of Ken Cooper, he is promoting a mission to help needy animals that find their way to Critter Cafe. Ron is so dedicated to a strong relationship with his local government in Fruitport, giving critical support to pets and dogs in serious need. Did you know that Ron Cooper, was one of the two people instrumental in getting the clinic open and running to help pets on population in West Michigan. More than 1,200 dogs (and counting) cats and dog spay/neutering have been safely accomplished.

My many years of being an animal lover have con- nected with my own kind of personalities and minds. I have listened to and been active in this community for this reason and for the reason that they are — the words of the wise seem to endure love to save what they can. One of my favorites, seems to me a need to remember that the greatness of a nation, and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

— Mahatma Gandhi

Ron has put forth monumental effort in improving West Michigan. The Spay and Neuter Clinic has benefited the lives of thousands of West Michigan companion animals, providing them with much-needed care and support.

I am confident that Ron Cooper will continue to be a strong advocate for the well-being of our pets and the community. We need leaders like Ron Cooper who are dedicated to the welfare of our animals and our community.

Sincerely,

Christine Lea
Crittter Cafe Rescue
5818 Airline Rd.
resco from Fruitport #1 Fire Station.
865-6021

Revealing NBC polling method
(Submitted byagemen by SFC James Stulen)

In an August poll by ING, respondents were asked the following question: “Do you believe that the word “God” should stay in American culture?”

The poll received the highest number of responses that they have ever had for one of its polls. The percentage was 66 percent want to keep the words “In God we trust” and “God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Only 34 percent were in favor of removing the term. That is a pretty commanding public response.

I have a hard time understanding why there is such a mess about having “In God We Trust” on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance. Why the world catering to this 14 percent.

Headline for government control?
Letter to the Editor:

Let’s get back to the meaning of the second amendment by comparing two excerpts from the Constitution.

Article I, Section 10, Part 2: “No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in time of peace.”

Amendment II: “A well regulated militia, being necessary, to provide for the common defense; to construct a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

In old military catalogs the word “regulation” is used when referring to military equipment, everything from uniforms to weapons. Presently our military is physically and psychologically working the country by fear because the means of production and distribution is privately controlled and the right to bear arms is the balance of power against the infringement on this right is an act of subversion.

While we are at it, we should take a look at civil rights laws, labor laws, and environmental laws that are steps toward government control of our defense industries.

Jim Caldwell
Doyle, California
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Balanced the Budget
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Protected Public Safety
Improved Services
Acquired Grants to Improve Fruitport
Cleaned Up Fruitport Township

I Have Also:
Reduced Township Operational Costs by $387,000 (25.7%) while improving services.
Eliminated over $3 million dollars in debt at no additional cost to the taxpayers.
Eliminated over $500,000 in interest payments on behalf of the taxpayers.
Acquired over $1 million of grants to improve Fruitport Township.
Saved the Fruitport Sewer System from Bankruptcy.
Added Police Officers and Firefighters to protect our citizens with no cost or tax increase.
Improved the financial position of the Township so we are no longer borrowing to pay bills.

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Re-Elect Marvin Engle Muskegon County Commissioner, 5th District

Our Future Is Determined By Today’s Decisions

Re-elect Marve to continue building Muskegon’s Future for the 21st century.
Nancy Waters
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Clerk
Experience counted: Prepare and present to qualifications.
State legislative: 15 years' experience as an administrative assistant to State Representative William Ryan. Opponent: No experience.
County legislative: 4 years' County Commissioner, dealing regularly with all departments including courts, police, and county clerk & sheriff's office. Opponent: No experience.
County Executive: 3 years, four years, many improvements, including 1. County board meetings: available the same night online, 2. Online service for Circuit Court and Probate Court records, 3. Full service Saturday, 4. Expensive workshops, 5. Accredited by the Republic of State of Michigan for transparency, accountability, and campaign finance online. 6. Monitors screen daily county schedules. Electronic filing of business certificates. Opponent: No experience.
Business owners, CEOs, other professionals: 25 years requiring me to set budgets, make innovative changes to reduce costs in order to make a profit, and deal with ego and government at all levels. Opponent: No experience.
Community Awards: Played a major leadership role in community activities, resulting in numerous awards. Opponent: None.
Attorney Michael Flynn says, "Nancy's experience and success in business, public offices, community organizations and legislative background provides her with the unique qualifications to fill the county's leadership role. Nancy will continue to provide the best legal servicer for our...experienced leadership for our county!"

DJ Hilson
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Prosecutor
DJ Hilson graduated in 1991 with majors in psychology and economics from Marquette University. In May of 1999, DJ Hilson graduated with honors from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He was hired for his dream job and began working for the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office on August 1, 1999. DJ Hilson is married and has three children.
DJ is the only candidate for Muskegon County Prosecutor who is currently employed at the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office. DJ Hilson has handled hundreds of cases in the district and circuit courts of Muskegon County and has been a partner in law enforcement in many serious investigations and cases. DJ Hilson has tried over 40 felony jury trials, with a 100 percent conviction rate, and has handled numerous major cases involving murder, rape, armed robbery, and child molestation.
DJ is an active member of the Greater Muskegon Jaycees, the Muskegon Rotary Club, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Knights of Columbus. DJ is the current vice president of the Muskegon County Bar Association. DJ is the only candidate with the proven experience, skill, and good judgment demanded by the office of the prosecutor. Learn more at: www.hilsonforprosecutor.org.

Mary Kotecki
Democratic candidate for Sullivan Township Trustee
Mary Kotecki is a lifelong resident of Sullivan Township, where she has been a board member of the Sullivan Township School Board for 23 years. She is well versed in the workings of the board and is dedicated to the success of our students. Mary is a respected leader in the community and has a proven record of strong leadership and effective communication. She is a strong advocate for our students and has always put the needs of our community first. Mary's commitment to our students and community is evident in her work on the board. She is a strong voice for our students and a fierce defender of our schools. Mary's dedication to our community is matched only by her commitment to our students. She is a true leader in our community and will continue to work hard for the benefit of all of Sullivan Township.

Brian Werschem
Candidate for Fruitport Township Supervisor, incumbent
Citizens of Fruitport, I am Brian Werschem and your Supervisor for the past four years. It has been a pleasure serving you. I am a fiscal conservative with a record of leadership and fiscal responsibility. I have several years' leadership experience prior to becoming Supervisor in Fruitport. Since being elected, I have led Fruitport forward in becoming a more sustainable and thriving community. My leadership was proven during the devastating storms that ripped through our community in 2009. I led the Township to recovery and managed the expenditures to ensure that the Township's financial stability was maintained. I worked closely with the Board of Trustees and the staff to ensure that the Township's financial stability was maintained.

Carrie L. Paul
Candidate for Nixon Township Supervisor
Carrie L. Paul has dedicated over 20 years of service to the community of Nixon Township. She has held various positions within the Township, including Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer. Carrie's extensive knowledge of Township operations and her commitment to the community make her an invaluable asset to the Township. As Supervisor, Carrie will work tirelessly to ensure the Township operates efficiently and effectively, providing high-quality services to its residents. She will also prioritize the maintenance and improvement of Township infrastructure, such as roads and public buildings. Carrie's dedication to the community and her strong leadership skills make her the ideal candidate for Supervisor of Nixon Township.
**VOTE NOV. 6th**

**Collene Lamonte**

91st District Candidate
Michigan House of Representatives

Collene is not a politician; she's a teacher, wife and mother. She believes:
- the tax on Michigan's seniors must be repealed
- legislators must restore the $1 billion in cuts to public education funding to ensure students have the skills needed for 21st century jobs
- the $1.8 billion tax cut to large corporations and rich CEOs must be amended to tie those tax credits to actual job creation for Michigan workers
- workers deserve good paying jobs so Michigan families can have financial security and dignity
- Michigan's natural resources are precious and lucrative commodity which must be protected

"West Michigan deserves a representative who understands our struggles and concerns. With your support, I will take our fight to Lansing for you, for our children, for our future."

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19 Years with the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office.  
Trialed over 250 Felony Jury Trials in the 14th Circuit Court.  
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I am Seeking to be Elected.

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**Endorsements:**

- The Honorable James M. Graves  
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- The Honorable Neil G. Mulhall  
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- The Honorable Ronald H. Panunzi  
  14th Circuit Court Judge - Retired
- Robert L. Caster  
  Muskegon County-Saint - Retired
- Rillaratine Wilkins  
  County Commissioner
- Pat Nolan  
  Attorney
- David Shaffer  
  Attorney
- Janet Thomas  
  Attorney
- James Waters  
  Attorney
- Dennis Poniat  
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Paid for by the Committee to Elect Raymond J. Kostrzewa for Circuit Judge, 901 Maryland, Muskegon, MI 49441
CAROL HUIKAM
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Clerk)
Carol is a graduate of Muskegon Community College with a degree in business management. She previously employed includes 25 years of experience working in a manufacturing environment.
Carol is a Certified Municipal Clerk and has attained Master Municipal Clerk designations. She is a member of a local, state, and international clerk's association.
She is a member of the Fruitport Baptist Church and the Fruitport Local Leadership and a Big sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister program.
Carol says, "Helping people is what I enjoy doing. As a Clerk, I strive to provide the best possible service to the community."

DAVE HENNING
(Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Drain Commissioner)
Dave Fisher and his wife Eron are residents of Fruitport Township. They have six grown children and two grandchildren. Dave has been in the field of public works for over 35 years and brings a large level of experience to the office.
As current Drain Commissioner, Dave is also a statutory member of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works. This board sets policies and manages the Muskegon County Water System, the county regional water system, and the county-owned landfill on Apple Avenue. The biggest challenge the drain office faces today is integrating the increasing federal and state water quality regulations into office procedures while at the same time serving the needs of customers and other counties of the drain.

Rose Dillon
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Treasurer)
Rose Dillon
I have been a Fruitport Township resident for 28 years along with my husband Greg. We have three daughters who graduated from Fruitport Community Schools, and two grandchildren.
It has been my honor to serve Fruitport Township as treasurer for the past 16 years. I have attained Public Finance Administrator certification from Central Michigan University and Michigan Public Treasurer certification. I am a resident president of the Michigan Municipal Association. I am also a member of the Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association. I am the chair of the Fruitport Board of the Michigan Municipal Association and secretary of the Fruitport Library Board.
Fruitport Township is a growing, vibrant community within Muskegon County. It is important that we elect leaders who will keep Fruitport's best interests in mind. I have a proven track record of experience, dedication, and knowledge. I truly have the heart of a public servant, and with your vote, I will continue to work for you.

Randy Kostrzewa
(Candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court)
I am a graduate of Michigan State University and University of Detroit School of Law. I practiced with a large Detroit law firm in the area of civil and commercial law. I am currently employed as a Senior Assistant Prosecutor in 12 years. I have handled several hundred trials and cases and have argued cases before the Michigan Supreme Court. I am a member of the Muskegon County Bar Association and the Muskegon County Bar Association. I am the chair of the Muskegon County Bar Association and the chair of the Muskegon County Bar Association. I am the chair of the Muskegon County Bar Association and the chair of the Muskegon County Bar Association.

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Call now, easy reach, or visit our web site.
Meet the candidates night at the Fruitport VFW
(Submitted by Max Reklse, Post Commander and Legislative Officer)

The Fruitport VFW Post 373 will be hosting a "meet the candidates night" at their post home on Friday, October 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tables will be available for candidates who can set up at 6:30 p.m. Only posters will be allowed on the walls. No candidates may put their signs out on the grass, but they must be removed by 8:30 p.m. All candidates and their party on the Muskegon County November ballot are welcome. So far, Libertarian candidates for Congress and State Representative have said they will come. We hope also to see a very strong Republican and Democratic presence as well. Candidates may bring their own soapboxes to stand on and speak.

Fruitport Bandshell surrounded by fog.
The fog in Fruitport was very dense the other morning. You could not see five car lengths in front of you. I had to stop at the park to take a photo so I could share it with anyone who did not see the dense fog that blanketed our town. This actually happened two days in a row. (Photo by Harry Wojahn.)

Secretary of State office to close for remodeling
(Submitted by the Michigan Secretary of State)
The Secretary of State PLUS office in Muskegon at 1485 E. Apple Avenue will be closed for remodeling from October 10 to 26.
The renovations include a larger lobby, a public restroom, a new counter design, new carpeting, and expanded availability of the self-service station for tab renewals so customers have 24/7 access. The Muskegon office will reopen on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 9 a.m.
Are residents visit the Grand Haven office, 1116 Robbins Road in Grand Haven, which is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.
Services are also available online at www.ExpressSOS.com.

Nancy Waters
for COUNTY CLERK

VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

I have been a resident of Norton Shores and Fruitport Township for the past 42 years. I am running for Township Clerk because I re-election to serve as your County Clerk because I will continue to modernize the office, provide better services, and save taxpayer dollars. I am committed to you and our community. As a former County Commissioner and successful business owner, I have the experience to continue producing results for you.

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6th.

Sincerely,
Nancy Waters

EXPERIENCE COUNTS!

- Muskegon County Clerk, 4 years
- Muskegon County Commissioner, 4 years
- Muskegon County Jury Commissioner, 4 years
- 15 years as administrative assistant to the Michigan Speaker of the House
- 25 years as Corporate President/CEO
- 2nd Woman Elected to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and Recipient of "Lifetime Achievement Award"
- Rosemary Kleaveland Award for Service to Women
- Michigan Distinguished Women Enterprises of the Year Award
- Muskegon Exchange Club 2010 "Book of Golden Deeds" Award

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Photos for sale
Heidi and Harry Wojahn have photos for sale on En Jacquard.com. Once on the site, you can search for Harry and check out their selection. The site has a large number of different sized prints including canvas and the new style of metal plates. Check out our photos and let us know what you think.

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A single dad needs help to join a parent support group
A 12-year-old college student seeks IV
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Stop by: have some coffee and visit with us. You can help with a craft at just keep us company!

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Holly Hughes
Republican candidate for Michigan State Representative, 9th District - Incumbent
I am running for re-election for State Representative because I want to ensure our children have an excellent education, and where they can live and raise their families, instead of having to move to another state in order to find a job. I will work hard each day and every day to do these things. That is my promise to you.
I graduated from Fruitport High School in 1976, and Michigan State University with a bachelor’s degree in business. I am married to my husband, Rick, and we have two daughters, Morgan and Taylor. We have two family businesses, Bellini Lumber and Master Tag. I am also a 12 year Township Trustee for a 2-year term, a member of the Michigan State Senator District Board, and member of the Board of Directors of the Three Lakes Community Foundation. Currently serving on the board of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Township Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Rotary and United Way. I am pro-life and pro-2 Amendment.*

Marvin "Marve" Engle
Republican candidate for Muskegon County Commissioner, 4th District
Marvin "Marve" Engle is a lifelong resident of Muskegon County, and a fourth-generation Fruitport Township resident.
I have been an experienced retail businessman with years of dedicated public service, including serving on the township board for over 20 years and serving on the commission where I was chairman for over 10 years. I have been a Muskegon County Commissioner since 2002. While on that commission, I have:
- Chairman, Public Works Board
- Chairman, Planning and Zoning
- Member of the Muskegon County Board of Education
- Member of the Muskegon County Hospital Board
- Member of the Muskegon County Fair Board
- Member of the Muskegon County Board of Supervisors
- Member of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

Here's your chance to lighten the load at your house (Submitted by the Muskegon Y's Club)
The Muskegon Y's Club is looking for donations for the annual Muskegon Y's Club white elephant sale to be held May 10-13, 2013. The club has made arrangements with Bee Green Online Auction Services, 12510 Cleveland Street Suite 100 in Muskegon to accept donations of items year around. You must identify the items as donations for the Y's Club, and be able to donate the items on any Friday (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or any Saturday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Charitable contribution receipts are available upon request. Call Bee Green Online Auction Services at (616) 635-7773 with questions about potential donations. The annual sale supports the YMCA and Camp Pendulum.

Thank you, Aspen Dental
Letter to the Editor
Would like to thank Dr. Becky Britts, and the rest of the staff at Aspen Dental, located next to Game Stop in front of Meijer on Harvey Street. The team there helped me when I needed the most. When all the other dental offices in town turned their back on us, the staff at Aspen Dental went above and beyond the call of duty to help me. They are very well trained at what they do.
I suggest that if you need dental work done, get in contact with them at your earliest convenience. The number to contact them is 616-722-3695. Call and schedule your appointment and get the dental help you deserve. They will work hard to make sure you are comfortable. Again, I would like to thank Dr. Britts and the rest of the staff for all of their help.

Harry Wojahn, Fruitport

Nick Sundquist
(Libertarian candidate for 91st State House District)
My name is Nick Sundquist. I am running as a Libertarian in the 91st State House District. I believe that liberty is the only just and moral way to organize society. Where freedom abounds, it does prosper, but where government grows, liberty contracts. What would be your reaction if I told you that the Office of Consumer Health and Safety should be abolished? Most people I suspect just assume that it is necessary to have a government agency make such a highly personal and important decision. It would be a huge defense of the interests of the people involved in the health care industry. It would be an attempt to protect the rights of those engaged in the health care industry. It would be an attempt to protect the rights of those engaged in the health care industry.

Kris Cole
(Candidate for Fruitport Community School board)
My name is Kris Cole. I am running for Fruitport school because I want to make sure our kids are thought of first in all decisions that need to be made in the future. That’s why the board came up with the idea of reorganizing our elementary schools. I was a vocal opponent of this because the kids without their friends at Fruitport it’s the right thing to do. I read real good in this position. I understand how financial constraints and I work hard to find ways to cut costs without sacrificing the students’ education. To show my commitment to this, I will donate ALL paid received back to the school. I will also work to find new sources of income to make more available to all the parents and community. For those who don’t know me, I am a 1992 graduate of Fruitport High School. After graduating from Michigan Tech I moved to work at General Dynamics where I worked for 13 years. Currently, I work at Belden Aluminum in Holland. I am an active member of The Girls’ and am active in our community, and the downtown board of directors. I am a member of the Fruitport Lions Club, and a member of the Fruitport Board of Directors. I am a member of the Fruitport Lions Club, and a member of the Fruitport Board of Directors.

Ron Cooper
No Party Affiliation candidate for Fruitport Township Supervisor
Ron Cooper is married to Melanie and they have a small daughter. They have a small daughter and two grandchildren, and in addition to their four children, have five grandchildren. Most of them live in Fruitport Township. He has been a farmer and business owner and has been a farmer and business owner and has been a farmer and business owner and has been a farmer and business owner and has been a farmer and business owner and has been a farmer and business owner. The annual sale supports the YMCA and Camp Pendulum.

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Annette Smedley
Candidate for 14th Circuit Court Judge

Annette Smedley has actual courtroom experience in family, civil, criminal and probate cases. She has participated in thousands of courtroom procedures and over 100 trials, including murder, rape, robbery, contracts, terminations of parental rights, divorce, personal protection, and property disputes.

Annette worked in over five counties and has appeared before over 10 Circuit Court judges.

The daughter of Anthony and Theresa Trotta, Annette is a lifelong resident of Muskegon City. Her husband of 32 years, Everett Smedley, is a welder at C.E. Aviation and is a U.S. Navy veteran. They have six children and 10 grandchildren.

She has a degree in accounting from Ferris State University and a degree in paralegal science from Grand Valley State University and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

While raising her six children, Annette worked at local factories and restaurants, cared for her home and family, and committed to learning to attend law school.

This proves her dedication and hard work, along with the list of professional qualifications, makes her the most qualified candidate. She says, "When I chose 'Justice For All' as a slogan, it was not just political rhetoric. I have the life experience to carry this scent of view into the judicial system."

To learn more, go to votenewsmedley.com.

Cindy Fairfield
Republican candidate for Muskegon County Clerk

Cindy Fairfield, 51, is running for Muskegon County Clerk because she believes “your time matters,” and will focus on making services more convenient for you. Muskegon is far behind neighboring counties such as Ottawa and Kent counties in the services it offers online. With people’s busy schedules and expensive gas prices, she believes we need to give our customers more convenience when it comes to accessing records, filing paperwork or paying fines. She also focuses on ensuring that deadlines are met and files are up to date regarding circuit court records so that justice is served.

Fairfield, former editor of the Muskegon Chronicle, has 22 years of management experience serving the public in the private sector and knows how to get the job done and shrink resources. An excellent communicator, she has won more than 40 Associated Press and Michigan Press Association awards, including a first place in the nation for a series on high school medical exams. She earned a B.A. in English and Political Science from Miami University. She and her husband, Dusty Fairfield, have three granddaughters and live in a hobby farm in Ravenna.

Eric Rothoff
Republican candidate for Muskegon County Treasurer

Eric Rothoff graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in International Relations, and the other in Computer Science. After graduation, he moved to the former Soviet Union where he helped establish their free market by creating a telephone directory service and an internet provider.

After researching the operation of the county’s public land auctions and Land Bank, Eric felt compelled to run for Muskegon County Treasurer. The county has charged local municipalities over $1.4 million because the treasurer has not been able to sell forfeited properties for more than the taxes owed.

Some of the reasons are that the treasurer withholds properties before the public land auction, bundles properties, and provides minimal information on available properties. In 2018, he handled 48 properties. Because no one would put up a $5 million performance bond to demolish all of the buildings within 30 days, the properties were sold at the public auction, causing the municipalities to be charged $124,336.84. The Land Bank has since sold 30 of those properties, which were worth about $6,001,907, for $354,072.08, but did not refund the municipalities.

Help me fix the public land auctions and the Land Bank. Vote for Eric Rothoff for county treasurer.

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Do you know where they are?

By Marisam Cooper

The 1962 class is having their 50th Muskegon Heights H.S. reunion on October 13, 2012. If you have any contact information for these people, please call Jane at 231-865-6304 or Marriann at 231-865-6370 and let us know:

- Joanna Anderson
- Geri Bass
- Candi Bese
- Leodis Cheatham
- Dave Firestone
- Dave Grant
- Erna Green/McGe
- Willie Griffin
- Earlene R. Glisom
- Tom Hales
- Mary Hoffman/Fuller
- Mary K. Keener
- Joan Kensing
- Mary Jane Koehler
- Vickie Lopez
- Roy C. McBride
- Betty McLaughlin
- James Pettey
- Janet Poor/Hewitt
- Celeste Roberts
- Tom Robinson
- Richard Stevens
- Paula Sullivan/Smith
- Wildeen Terrell
- Mary Thiel/Fowler
- Mary Thies
- Mama Unger
- Tom VanderLan
- Sharon Walkel/Nordes

Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

Muskegon Hts. H.S.
Class of 1962

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Animal control and dog licensing changes

Submitted by Carol Health (Muskegon County)

Animal control-related activities, such as impoundment of stray dogs and investigations of dog-related complaints will continue to be handled by Animal Control Officers, however, it will be through the Sheriff's Department and no longer through Public Health. In addition, the Mayor's office will take over selling dog licenses.

Public Health will continue to investigate reports of animal bites to assure minimal risks of rabies exposure to humans.

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Principal says thanks

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the Fruitport community for being so generous and appreciative at my retirement. The last days at Sheltzer School were special. People were very thoughtful and generous. It was humbling. The cards, gifts, hugs, and words of appreciation were truly appreciated.

Special thanks goes to:

First graders for the box of Kleenex with a roll of money.
Second graders for the gift card to Home Depot.
First graders for the gift card to Two Tony’s and a massage.
Kindergarteners for the gift card to Texas Roadhouse.
PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) for the gift certificate to the Homestead.
Administrators for the tickets to the Chicago Cubs game.
Sheltzer staff for a gift certificate to Bayshore Shores Resort with spending money.

To the Fruitport Board of Education for a job for 36 years and a beautiful clock to remember the years by.

I have had the blessing of loving my work. I was quickly rewarded with many great relationships that have been formed over the years. It has been those relationships that have made the years meaningful and rewarding. The relationships will not go away. Thanks again for all that you did for me!

Neena Hoogstra
Former principal,
Sheltzer School

Custodian Bill Welmer puts the finishing touches on the new Fruitport library drop box after it was installed on Tuesday, September 29.

Friends of the Fruitport Library holding book sale

By Mary Welmer

On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the Friends of the Fruitport branch of the Muskegon Area District Library will be holding a book sale in the Wrighbarn Community Room at the library, 47 Park Street. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More friends are needed, as well. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Fruitport Library.

Donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs are currently being accepted during library hours.

Ancient Israel comes alive in new book

By Pam Mertler and Mary Welmer

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually hear Jesus speak? A new, just published book entitled Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus will make readers feel like they are actual witnesses to Jesus’ words through the scholarship of Holland, Michigan author Lois Tverbberg.

How is that possible? She began by reading Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, for starters, to help people deepen their understanding of Jesus’ Scriptures and application to modern times.

Facts about discoveries of Hebrew locations mentioned in the Bible and rabbinic idioms are sprinkled throughout the book.

Aside from the importance of hearing and understanding Hebrew words and their contexts is the knowledge gained about living out the words of Jesus. Tverbberg’s book is a series of quotes from the Talmud and various rabbis.

The third part of the book discusses the discipline of studying the Talmud, an ancient Jewish book that has been a key to understanding Jewish culture and history. The Talmud is a collection of Jewish religious texts, oral and written, that date back to the 2nd century AD.

Tverbberg points out that Jesus did not preach in an indoctrinated and materialistic culture like our own, but in a society that deeply valued community.

“Jesus was well known, and people listened to what he said,” Tverbberg said. “He was a prophet who lived and died as a man of peace.”

For more information about the book, visit www.amazon.com or a local bookstore.

KOSTRZEWKA RAN TO UNSEAT JUDGE WIERENGO TWO YEARS AGO

At that time, two former prosecuting attorneys, Harry J. Knudsen and Paul Lasas put ads in the Muskegon Chronicle accusing Kostrewa of making false statements in his campaign and listed them in their ad:

They also claimed that Kostrewa “and the members of the prosecuting attorney’s office, together with certain enlisted law enforcement officers have engaged in a smear campaign against the incumbent judge of being responsible for a murder and rapes and abuses of victims of domestic violence.” Knudsen and Lasas stated in their ads that “the claims are not true and are made with the intent to alarm the public by falsely implying the incumbent judge as a danger to the Muskegon community.”

Knudsen and Lasas stated that “the public expect our courts to be fair and without bias or prejudice” and recommended the re-election of Judge Andrew Wierengo, which did happen.

Vote for the other candidate:

ANNETTE SMEDLEY

for Circuit Judge

Integrity of Muskegon County Judicial Court threatened by Annette Smedley’s Opponent

October 27th and 29th, 2010, three seasoned attorneys: Paul M. Lasas, Harry J. Knudsen, and James Wierser wrote articles to the Muskegon Chronicle with an election alert to Muskegon County Voters. They stated, “We believe the public expects our courts to be fair and without bias and prejudice.” In fact, Judge Wierengo followed up on November 1, 2010 also with an article which stated, He “fought the prosecutor’s office for 12 years to maintain equilibrium between the executive and judicial branch government. Now they wish to teach me a lesson, mess with us and we will return someone against you, and we will come at you with guns blazing and use every tactic we can, from deception and distraction, to outright lying about your record and matters of the court. They have tempted me to stoop to your level and fire back, and believe me, I have amends with which to do it.”

The point I am trying to rely to you as a voter is that we do not need an assistant Prosecutor on the bench to replace Judge Graves. This will only continue with the bias and prejudice. Elect Annette Smedley who has the knowledge, experience, and qualifications.

Sandie Christiansen, Sullivan Township

This ad paid for by concerned citizen, Sandie Christiansen. This ad has not been approved nor sanctioned by Knudsen, Lasas, Wierser, or by candidate Annette Smedley.
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EDITORIAL

David Kolb, the Editorial Page Editor for the Muskegon Chronicle, had an Editorial in the Friday, October 10 page stating that Chris Beck and Brian Merschen were both good candidates for the township Supervisor but not in the same town. Kolb evidently, according to Kolb, what Chris had for him was his "forcefully" arguing for the township's best interest. It was not the last four years and the Chronicle was aware of his affect on the township the past four years. Kolb said that, even if the Chronicle has no vote, he is the Chronicle's reader to be glued to as many articles as possible. As I have consulted over the years, Kolb and the Chronicle do not seem to be concerned whether or not the article leaves an accurate impression, but whether it is going to be interesting to reading. For eight years, in both the current administration and the previous one, Beck has been happy to oblige.

At the beginning of this administration in the Dunham lawsuit, Chris Beck was an unbending ideologue who refused, in my opinion, to be told and, according to the township insurance company lawyer, made it difficult to go to trial. Chris was an unprofessional, but Chris was not a bad man, just a misunderstood, and some of those opinions, who refused to acknowledge facts he knew to be correct. It cost the township and insurance company each $50,000 in a settlement. It was serious. Even at that time, attention seeking actions repeatedly proved to be a distraction of the township, but to the glee of Beck and the Chronicle because it provided copy. In the recent election, the Chronicle is provided with an interesting story line, even if some. They report it over and over and get as much mileage out of it as possible. They take every chance the time, but still interesting storyline again, sometimes years later. The readers, not having been given an opposing viewpoint, eventually believe it. It has been repeatedly reading. Kolb and the Chronicle's job to truthfully inform the public, but once they print a misrepresentation or just plain ignorant story, they become obvious. Personally, I don't think Kolb is concerned. He seems to form opinions and put them into editorials with second hand information, and very often, hastily bands his位于 the Chronicle with a week of little concern of what has it to people's lives or, in our case, the best management of our township.

Going back to a few examples of Chris Beck's costly antics:

The township was in the process of negotiating a settlement with the Magna Corporation, owner of Great Lakes Dunes. The lawyers were discussing an amount that Magna would pay to settle of between $200,000 and $250,000. Chris evidently found out about the negotiations and got to a settlement, which would have made him look foolish because of his constant criticism of our suits, and proposed to the township that we drop the law suit and spread globally without even consulting our attorney. He was able to convince a majority of the board to go along with him. It was like throwing the township money directly to concern Chris at all. I called a board meeting with our attorney and he explained that we had just made our offer to accept $275,000. We agreed to Magna and GGS and it was not wise to stop at this time. It did not face Chris and he continued to press for dropping it.

In every concern that the township got lose this settlement, I suffered to pay all attorney and other costs personally if the board would authorize Model a funding. Chris still argued against it. I don't believe that Chris, nor the Chronicle has seen that 10% of the information necessary to make an informed decision on the reality of the proposed settlement, which the board finally overview Beck's persistence and voted to continue at my personal expense.

Of course, after all the bad publicity in the Chronicle's Adarna and Great Lakes Dunes attorney quickly came back with a $15,000 counter offer which was coincidentally, what they talked to use for_Model a funding to continue the township's lawsuit. Our opportunity was at least temporarily lost.

The casino issue. After being considerable research, it began appearing several months ago of getting a card in Traverse Township. The Little River Band of Ojibwa Indians had already paid over five million dollars for Great Lakes Dunes and twenty south of the county. They were also in negotiations for additional land worth millions of dollars. They were confident that the law would accommodate. We had been concerned with the other environmental concerns in Michigan that already had casinos and we were telling us what they wished they had done differently and what mistakes were made. We were being very well informed on how to not only protect our township, but to make it the most beneficial to the township.

We know that the Little River Band of Ojibwa Indians had to go through a process of negotiations. They needed a

Awards aplenty at the Muskegon County 4H Youth Fair

By Sandy Kriger

Robots, rabbits, rabbits were everywhere at the Muskegon County Youth Fair, and many won awards. Kate Kober took senior teen showmanship, Katie Delman won at the junior level. Nicole Chase was the top teen in showmanship, and Anastasia Privotka took the top award in the novice class.

Livestock award winners included Kaye Atebro, Michael O'Gill, Rob Farm, Haley Buckner and Lauren Bullock. Super show category winners were Charlie Wright, Rachel Meldrum and Haley Buckner. Anastasia Privotka and Lynn O’Gill placed first and second respectively with their rabbits in the junior best class. Junior show honors went to rabbits belonging to Cameron Wright and Brian Porey.

Poultry raisers winners were Mitchell Dunleavy for senior duck; Gabrielle Dixon for senior duck; Lynn O’Gill in the junior duck category; and Gabrielle Dixon in the junior duck category. Best of breed went to Lynn O’Gill.

Michael Simmons was a big winner in the Mini Rex class, taking senior duck, senior doe and best of breed. He also won best in show.

The Holland Lop category was a well for Maddie Knight, who won senior doe, junior doe, and junior doe. Kayla Archer took first place in senior buck and won best of breed.

Junior competition winners were Madisan Potter's rabbit won senior buck and best of breed, while Michelle O’Gill's rabbit was awarded senior doe.

In the "any other 4" class, Nicole Chase was best of breed with her senior doe.

Ava Ivanova's rabbit took best of breed in the "any other 4" class.

In the club awards, Independent Seekers took first place; Green Acres 4-H Livestock placed second, with Northside Pony Express, Thunderbeasts and Cameron Heights placing third through fifth.

Winners in the fair are Michaela Simmons, Best; Ava Ivanova's 4-H and Elizabeth's Normal.

Costume class winners were Haley Buckner in the five to 11 year old competition and Mine Lafferty at the 12 to 19 year old level.

Congratulations to all the 4-H winners for a great year at the fair. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sack race winners: Arnel Chiloo who took first place, Mariah Childs who took second, and the third second place winner.

Mr. Erdman furnished hours of interesting games, including the Egg toss, for everyone at this year’s 4-H Youth Fair.

Young marksmen aim in on their targets in the 4H Shooting Sports competition.
Hire (Vote for) Ron Cooper for Fruitport Township Supervisor

Résumé


West Michigan Spay and Neuter Clinic 2008 to Present
Co-founder and president. Non-paid. Purpose is to provide low-cost spay and neuter to help prevent over-population of pets and reduce the thousands that are killed each year because there are not enough people who want them. We will soon do our 5000th spay/neuter.

Fruitport Area News Inc 1983-present
Founder, publisher, editor, in our 30th year as a community service newspaper, non-paid

Copies & More Inc. 1993-present
Founder and President. My wife, Marianna, 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 custom grain harvester in this area with three combines operating and harvested most of the wastewater system's corn for their first 12 years along with our other 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 food 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

Founder, CEO. Sold in 1994 to a national company. We manufactured lawn fertilizer and provided a seeding and feeding service to the greater Milwaukee area. For years we were the largest business of that type in greater Milwaukee.

Project Pride Award
Honored by Muskegon Chamber of Commerce

Professional Farmers of America
Represented Michigan farmers in Washington, D.C. during the Carter administration.

Elected to represent Muskegon County farmers at various times to our regional agricultural district.

First Congregational Church of Fruitport 1984-present
Member, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent for many years and at the present time

Married to Marianna. We have six kids, foster kids, exchange students, 17+ grandkids, 8 great-grandkids. Both of us were born and raised in the Fruitport area.

Thank you for your support.
If you are willing to have a sign in your yard, please call 885-3135 and a sign will be delivered to your address. If you have questions about this or any other information, please call 885-3135. Thank you in advance for your help and consideration. Please vote in the November 6th election. Together we can make a difference.

Vote for Proven Leadership & Results

There were many accomplishments during his last term (2004 - 2008):

- Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt
- Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines
- Started a soccer park on Shereragr Road.
- 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 Airport.
- Focused Lights on Water Tower
- Inherited a $600,000 budget deficit and balanced.
- Left office with a total Fund Balance of $1,183,738

- 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 were several more that should be completed, but we succeeded in connecting some very important ones that had been ignored for 30 years. A huge contribution to the cost of those improvements and extensions was from grants and contributions from businesses on those lines (over $600,000). 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.

- 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 that 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 Sherering 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 Muskeatawa bike path on the north to the Spring Lake bike path on the south. It looks like the current administration has aborted the project. Some of the money pledged has now been used for an Ottawa County bike path.