Select the right candidate this November

Letter to the Editor:

It's your animal loving friend, Chrystine Lea. She is the "bunny loving lady," founder and operator of Critter Cafe Rescue on Airline and Sth. Garfield's corner.

I am writing in celebration of our privilege of CHOICE. This November, we have the honor of electing our next township supervisor for Fruitport Charter Township. My wonderful friend, Ron Cooper, is on the Township leadership ballot as a Republican candidate.

I 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 respected, 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 such a great wealth of different amenities. In Fruitport Township, I believe everyone is striving to make our community the best it can be.

Ron Cooper was one of the two people instrumental in getting the clinic up and running to test pets against the population in West Michigan. More than 100 (and counting) cats and dogs have been vaccinated against this threat.

My many years of being an animal lover have connected me with my friends and their pets. I have learned to be more appreciative of the efforts of our historical figures and how they have shaped our country. The words of these heroes seem to endure even as times change. Your favorite, comes to mind thinking of all that Ron Cooper has to offer our community now and in the future. 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's companion animals.

Critter Cafe Rescue

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(across from Fruitport Fire Station)
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Each year in West Michigan 100's of pets are killed because there are not enough people who want them.

We are responding to this problem by providing high quality, low-cost spay and neutering in Fruitport using a subsidized spay/neuter program.

Please help us complete our mission:
1) Return your pets spayed and neutered
2) Tell your friends about our nonprofit services
3) Sponsor a spay or neuter for a disadvantaged owner

For information or an appointment call 231 366-7067

Bowie is one scared puppy!

By Mary Middelton and Mary Weimer

This Bouvier Terrier/Kelpie mix is just a little guy who is very scared and homesick. The pound is nothing like he is used to! If you approach him slowly and easily, and let him come to you, he is very snuggly and playful. He is very tidy in his kennel, trying very hard to remember his manners despite the strange, scary place.

Please, please, please consider taking Bowi home. He really needs someone gentle and understanding to work with him and build his confidence. He needs someone who can give him a bright future and just a little bit of love in exchange for his faithful companionship.

Bowie is currently available at the shelter, 1500 E. Keating Avenue. They wait, hoping for a warm, kind heart and loving family with which to spend their golden years. Advantages to adopting an older dog include having to housebreak and train a puppy and committing to care for the dog for a shorter time. Well-seasoned in life experiences, older dogs really can learn new tricks!

Pound Buddies Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can see all the available furry friends at www.poundbuddies.org. Call (231) 724-4500 or email info@poundbuddies.org for more information.

Revealing NBC plan

(Submitted by Afghanistan by SBC James Stetson)

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

The poll received the highest number of responses that they have ever record of one of their polls. The percentage vote 86 percent want to keep the words “In God we trust” and “God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Only 14 percent were in favor of removing the terms.

That is a pretty commandeering public response. I have a hard time understanding why there is such a move about having “In God We Trust” on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why is the world catering to this percent?

Headling 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: 3: “No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty on tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in time of peace.”

Amendment II: “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of 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 incapable of controlling the country by force because the means of production is distribution and privately controlled and the right to bear arms is the balance of the prevention of infringement on this right is an act of submission.

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

Jin Caldwell
Doyle, California

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Re-Elect
Brian Werschem
Supervisor
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I have Kept my Promises
Balanced the Budget
Ended Frivolous Lawsuits
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I Have Also:
Reduced Township Operational Costs by $587,000 (23.7%) while improving services.
Eliminated over $3 million dollars in debt at no added 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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Nancy Waters
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Clerk
Experience counts! Compare experience and qualifications.
State legislative: 15 years' Administrative Assistant to State Representative William Ryan. Opponent: No experience.
County legislative: 4 years' County Commissioner, dealing regularly with all departments including the courts, providing a balanced and county-wide office. Opponent: No experience.
County Executive: 4 years in county court. Lima & County Clerk's office. Opponent: No experience.

Businesswoman (CEO) President: 29 years, domestic issues, including: 1. County board meetings, available the same night online. 2. Online services for Circuit Court and Probate Court records. 3. Full service Saturday. 4. Entrepreneur workshops. 5. Awarded by Republican State of Ohio for transparency, accountability and campaign finance online. 6. Monitors Tuesday vote. Public and private filing of deaths certificates. Opponent: No experience.

Businesswoman/CEO President: 29 years, making innovative changes to reduce costs in order to make a profit, and dealing with agencies and governments at all levels. Opponent: No experience.

Community Awards: Proven my commitment to the community, 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 most unique combination of qualifications for county clerk in Muskegon County history! Nancy will continue to provide better service for you...experienced leadership for our county!"

DJ Hilson
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Prosecutor
DJ Hilson graduated in 1984 with a degree in psychology and economics from Michigan State University. In May of 1984, DJ Hilson graduated with honors from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. He was hired for his job as the Deputy District Attorney. He then worked for the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office on April 1, 1999. DJ Hilson is married and has three children.

DJ Hilson 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 a law practice in several counties. He has been a member of the Muskegon County Bar Association and the Michigan Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. He is married and has three children.

DJ Hilson is an active member of the Muskegon Bar Association, the Muskegon Rotary Club, the Fraternal Order of Police and Knights of Columbus. DJ Hilson is the current vice president of the Muskegon County Bar Association. DJ Hilson is the only candidate with the proven experience, integrity, and good judgment demanded of the office of the prosecutor. Learn more at www.djhilsonforprosecutor.com.

Roy J. Portenga
(Candidate for Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees)
I attended Muskegon Community College (MCC) from '71 to '73 and received my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and received my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. I've been playing in the Muskegon Community College ever since.

While attending MCC primarily for financial reasons, there's no question that the best college experience was there. The courses were well taught and challenging, and the facility and college experience was great. I was involved in the MCCA and served as the MCCA President for six years. I'm a member of the MCCA Board of Trustees.

During those years, MCC expanded its facilities, improved its library and academic facilities, and held the annual meeting of the MCC Board of Trustees.

MCC was a "life changer" for me; I'm determined to keep it that way for the citizens of Muskegon County.

If you are running opposed, I respectfully request your vote.

Mark F. Fairchild
Democratic candidate for Register of Deeds
Mark Fairchild is the Muskegon County Register of Deeds, serving since 1999. Fairchild has been recognized by attorneys, real estate professionals, title companies and public officials.

Fairchild previously served as a county commissioner for 15 years, and professionally as a business manager for a national mortgage lender. Fairchild is married to Shelley and they have two children.

Brian Werschem
(Candidate for Fruitport Township Supervisor, Unincorporated)
Citizens of Fruitport, I am Brian Werschem, and you are the best candidate for the past four years. It has been a pleasure serving you. I am a firm conservative with a record of leadership and fiscal responsibility. I have served in the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives. I have been a member of the West Michigan Area Association of Realtors, the Michigan State Bar Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Muskegon County Building Authority, the Muskegon Area State and Federal Compliance Districts, the International Association of Consultants, Registrars and Other Business Institutions. Visit www.brianwerschem.com to learn more.

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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 in order to prepare students for the 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 a 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 50 Felony Jury Trials in the 14th Circuit Court.

Handled Thousands of Felony Cases in the Very Court Room

I am Seeking to be Elected.

Experience in Criminal Defense and Medical Malpractice

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Endorsements:
The Honorable James M. Graves
13th Circuit Court Judge

The Honorable Neil G. Mullally
Muskegon County Probate Judge

The Honorable Ronald H. Pannucci
14th Circuit Court Judge – Retired

Robert L. Carter
Muskegon County Sheriff – Retired

Rilllinda Williams
County Commission

Dennis Pouvalik
Chief Public Defender – Retired

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Puede ser que el texto que indica "KOESTREWZEA FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE" es un ejemplo de cómo se podría encontrar el texto naturalizado de un segmento de documento.
CAROL HUINKI
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Clerk)

Carol is a graduate of Muskegon Community College with a degree in business management. Her previous employment 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 organization.

She is a member of the Fruitport Lady Lions and a sister in the Big Brother/Sister program. Carol says, “I have always served my community as Fruitport Township Clerk since 1992, I still enjoy the challenge and the variety that it offers on a daily basis. The office of municipal clerk is the oldest among public servants. I am proud and honored to be considered a public servant.”

ROSE DILLON
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Treasurer)

I have been a Fruitport Township resident for 20 years along with my husband Greg. We have three daughters who graduated from Fruitport Community Schools, and are blessed with six grandchildren.

It has been an 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 certifications. I am a recent president of the Michigan Municipal Treasurer’s Association. I am also a member of the Michigan Treasurer’s Association certification program for the Muskegon County Treasurer’s Association. I am the chair of the Fruitport Library Committee and secretary of the Fruitport Lions Club.

Fruitport Township is a growing, vibrant community within Muskegon County. It is important that we elect leaders who will keep Fruitport’s interest the number one priority. 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.

DAVID MARKGRAF
Candidate for Fruitport Township Board of Trustees

Hi, I’m David Markgraf, your trustee in Fruitport. Many of you know me as the owner of Golf’s Whistle. I have lived here in Fruitport since 1977. I’m very active in the community and have served as president of the Fruitport Township Club and treasurer of the Fruitport Lions Club.

I have a proven record of community involvement and am an active member of the Fruitport Township Club. I have lived in Fruitport Township most of my life and have two children who live with their families in Fruitport Township.

I am very concerned about the future of Fruitport Township and feel I am qualified to help keep Fruitport going in the right direction. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, I have been and will always be available to hear them and take action to make Fruitport Township a better place to live.

I would like your support in the upcoming election.

DAVE HENRY
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Drain Commissioner

Dave Henry is a former public school teacher for over 35 years and brings a high level of professional experience to the office.

Dave Henry is also a statutory member of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works. This board sets policy and manages the Muskegon County Water System, the county’s regional water system, and the county-owned landfill on Apple Avenue. The biggest challenge is the drain office faces today is integrating the increasing costs of flood and water quality regulations into operating procedures while at the same time addressing local and regional concerns.

The need for a more efficient approach to drain office operations is critical and the dollar amount of potential liabilities for not meeting these new mandates.

The drain office is responsible for draining areas of the watershed, which is an ongoing challenge.

Randy Kostrowski
(Candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court)

My name is Raymond “Randy” Kostrowski and I am a candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court. I have been married to my wife Linda for 19 years. We have been blessed with two children, ages 17 and 15. I am a graduate of Michigan State University and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. I practiced law in the area of civil and juvenile court practice.

I have been a member of the community for 21 years and have been very active in the community. I have been a member of the Muskegon County Bar Association and have been involved in various community organizations.

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.

Collene Lamonte
(Democratic candidate for Michigan State Representative – 9th District)

Collene Lamonte is not only a politician. The mother of two young children, she is also the physical education teacher at Muskegon High School and has been married to her husband Jeff for 14 years.

Collene worked her way through college by landscaping, waitressing, cleaning restrooms and moving lawns. She believed in Michigan where hard work was rewarded with economic security. But when her husband lost his job in the automobile industry, they soon lost their home to foreclosure.

During the slow process of growth, Collene was Alarm Systems and Security Services in the middle class, working poor and elderly. She grew frustrated watching students, colleges and administrators struggle to keep their jobs. Collene was convinced she could save Michigan better in Lansing than in the classroom.

Collene is committed to ensuring the $1 billion funding cut in public education and will work with businesses to ensure that students graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in the job market. Collene believes that allocating the $11.8 billion tax cut for corporations and CEOs should have been tied to job creation for Michigan workers. She will work to ensure that corporations earn a fair share for using Michigan’s infrastructure and services.

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Meet the candidates night at the Fruitport VFW
(Submitted by Max Riekse, Post Commander and Legis-
late Office)
The Fruitport VFW Post 3731 will be
hosting a "meet the candidates night" at the post
home on Friday, October 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tables will be available for candidates who can start
setting up at 5:45 p.m. No posters will be allowed
on the walls. Candidates may put their signs out on
the grass, but they must be removed by 8:45 p.m.
All candidates and all parties on the Muskegon
County November ballot are welcome. So far, Lib-
eral candidates for Congress and State Repre-
sentatives 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.

Secretary of State office to close,
for remodeling
(Submitted by the Michigan Secretary of State)
The Secretary of State PLUS office in Muskegon
at 1465 E. Apple Avenue will be closed for remodeling
from October 10 to 26.
The renovations include a larger lobby, public
restrooms, a new counter design, new carpeting and
expanded availability of the sex-service station for
label renewals so customers have 24/7 access. The
Muskegon office will reopen on Monday, October
22, 2012 at 9 a.m.
Area residents may visit the Grand Haven of-
ce, 1110 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.Ex-
pressSOS.com.

Fruitport Bandshell surrounded by fog
The fog in Fruitport was very dense the other morn-
ing. 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.)

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
Treasurer to serve as your County Clerk because I
re-election to modernize the office, provide better
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 Juy 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 Kleea and Award for
  Service to Women
- Michigan Distinguished Woman Enterprises
  of the Year Award
- Muskegon Exchange Club 2010 "Book of
  Golden Deeds" Award

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Holly Hughes
Republican candidate for Michigan State Representative, 91st District - Incumbent

I am running for re-election as a Libertarian for the 91st State House District. I believe that liberty is a fundamental human right, and that governmental interference in people's lives is a violation of this right. I also believe in individual responsibility and the importance of local government. My platform focuses on issues such as tax reform, education, and public safety. I hope you will vote for me.

Marvin "Marve" Engle
Republican candidate for Muskegon County Commissioner, 4th District

Marvin "Marve" Engle is a life-long resident of Muskegon County and a fourth generation Muskegon Township resident. He has served as an experienced businessman with years of dedicated public service, including serving on the Township Planning Commission, where he was chairman for 40 years. He has been a Muskegon County Commissioner since 2002. While on that commission, he has been:
- Chairman, Public Works Board (vice-chair for six years)
- Chairman, Fire Commission
- Member of the Muskegon County State University Extension District 8 Board
- Liaison to the Muskegon County Business Council
- Liaison to the Muskegon County Court Fair Board

He is a strong conservative, but he also supports environmental initiatives with an eye to their economic and social impacts. Muskegon County needs to continue to innovate, always look for ways to save and better solutions.

Your selection for "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 16 & 17, 2013. The club has made arrangements with Bee Green Online Auction Services, 1231 Cleveland Street, Ste. 100 in Muskegon to accept donations and items year round. You must identify the items as donations for the Y's Club, and be able to donate the items on Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Charitable contributions receipts are available upon request. Call Bee Green Online Auction Services at (616) 631-3333 with questions about potential donations. The annual sale supports the YMCA and Camp Pendulum.

Thank you, Aspen Dental
Letter to the Editor

To the Editor: Dr. Steven Britz, and the rest of the staff at Aspen Dental, located next to Game Stop in front of Meijer on Harper Street. The team there helped me when I needed to see an emergency dentist. When all the other dental offices in town turned their back on me, 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 (231) 722-1800. 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. Britz, and the rest of the staff for all of their help.

Harry Wijnia
Frankfort

Nick Sundquist
(Liberal candidate for 91st State House District)

My name is Nick Sundquist. I am running as a Libertarian for the 91st State House District. I believe that liberty is the only just and moral way to organize society. Where freedom abounds, so does prosperity, but when government grows, liberty contracts.

What would be your reaction if I told you that the office of Occupational Health and Safety should be abolished? Most people I suspect just assume that it is necessary to have a government office in order to make sure that work places are safe. Few people ask themselves what the world would look like in the absence of a government agency. In the United States where the government has become so big, it is not uncommon for public service that was once provided by private initiatives to be taken over by government. But there is a simple way to tell which public services are essential and which are not: if a private company can provide them, it should. If the government can provide them, it should not.

The role of government is to provide for the common defense, to regulate commerce among the states, and to secure justice for all. It is not to provide for the common comfort, to regulate commerce among the states, and to secure justice for all.

Kris Cole
( Candidate for Fruitport Community School board)

My name is Kris Cole. I am running for Fruitport school board because I want to make sure our kids are thought of first in all decisions that need to be made in the future. This past spring the board came under scrutiny for making changes to our elementary schools, to reorganize the elementary schools. I was a vocal opponent to this because I am an experienced teacher and I believe that our children need to be in the same elementary schools, to have the opportunity to get to know our kids’ futures without a lot of the things that come with big schools. I want to see our kids grow with the same set of teachers. I want to see our kids have the same set of friends. I want to see our kids have the same set of opportunities. I want to see our kids have the same set of experiences.

Ron Cooper
No Party Affiliation candidate for Fruitport Township Supervisor

Ron Cooper is a lifelong resident of Fruitport Township. He and his family have been involved with the Fruitport Free Press for over 40 years. He is a former federal and state government employee and has been elected to the township board three times. He is a strong conservative, but he also supports environmental initiatives with an eye to their economic and social impacts. Muskegon County needs to continue to innovate, always look for ways to save and better solutions.

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Holly Hughes
Main Street Experience, West Michigan Values.
Re-Elect Republican Holly Hughes
A Leader who gets the results we need.

Cutting Spending – Holly fights everyday for the REAL REFORMS we need to make government affordable and accountable to the taxpayers. Holly voted to end healthcare benefits for retired lawmakers and took a pay cut herself.

Fighting for Taxpayers – Holly lowered the state income tax and replaced the job-killing MBT with a 6% corporate income tax. We are creating jobs in Michigan. Now hardworking families and seniors can maintain their quality of life and stay in their homes.

Creating Jobs – Her first week on the job, Holly went to work with Muskegon’s Eagle Alloy to successfully apply for a MEDC grant. With this grant Eagle Alloy was able to create hundreds of new jobs right here in Muskegon County.

- Fruitport Class of ’76
- Active community leader
- Fourth-generation Muskegon-County resident
- Former White River Township Trustee
- Former Montague Area Public School Board member

“I'm running for State Representative because I want to live in a Michigan where jobs are abundant, where our children can receive a world-class education, where they can live and raise their families, instead of moving to another state to find a job. I will work hard each and every day to do these things.

That is my promise to you.”

Holly Hughes

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Voting resources available
(Submitted by the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)

Election season is here and the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce has the resources you need to make an educated voting decision. This year, the county has the largest number of districts from 11 to 9, and the Chamber website has resources to help you learn about the new district and make a business-friendly voting decision.

During election years, volunteers from the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce interview candidates running for local office. Their mission is to find out which candidates prioritize business development and job creation activities. A system was developed for rating candidates' positions on important economic issues. Candidates received the highest 5-star ranking. These candidates understand the economic issues facing our community and will stand up for programs and services that create jobs and prosperity in Muskegon County. See which elected officials earned a “5” at www.muskegon.org.

Also, the chamber is getting ready to release ballot proposal recommendations, both state and city-wide. Get to know the issues and vote by visiting the chamber website. All the resources you need are online at www.muskegon.org.

Do you know where they are?
(Submitted by Marisam Cooper)

The 1962 class is having their 50th Muskegon Heights H.S. reunion on October 13, 2023. If you have any contact information for these people, please call Jane at 231-385-3033 or Marriann at 231-685-6370 and let us know:
- Joanna Anderson
- Geri Bass
- Candie Beebe
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Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

Muskegon Hts. H.S.
Class of 1962

Char’s small piece of mother earth
(Submitted by Chantelle Loekie)

What a summer this has been. It started out with an early spring bringing perennials out with foxtails tops, and a wonder if there would be any further growth, let alone flowers. They started out looking brown and dead on top, these were beautiful flowers.

I had plans for a weekly schedule to maintain and improve this piece of mother earth, but things got a damper on my plans. My little red gas cutting machine after several trips to the lawn mower dealer worked very well, for I cut the front and back yard without stopping. She gives me a rest if I let her stop before finishing the job, and she won’t restart. Jane, was told, was the same as the foxtails, but it was not in heat and with little rain, I decided the air conditioner sounded pretty good, although with no fans in the windows and doors shut down for a cool air. I don’t remember finding one. The chippewas were pretty active, my little dog tore a little bit in their yard, keeping her activity to a minimum for healing. She is no longerifying. The chippewas enjoyed digging up seeds, so I sprinkled them around the yard, A big flower bed is in one of the pots. He left after a couple weeks, but as I know it wasn’t the result of my little dog.

Those Rumperts counted out for water several times a day along with flowers around her porch, and I succumbed to their wishes. I learned term don’t like hot sun and little water. Amazingly, there was no water, no plants droopy and turned brown, but weeds sprouted up in that dry sandy soil. Isn’t mother earth wonderful? The weeds in the lawn came up in abundance in the spring, so I wasn’t surprised. I found a few spots still left. I just sold it out, some you see. I don’t have the time to take care of it. Rain has come and there is green grass, flowers blooming, and a dog running after chippewas.

The bald eagles have returned that Fruitport-Ready next month this year, though I am sure they will be back next year. I may be that they were scared away by some of the construction. But now that it’s mostly done, they may come back yet this year. If they do show up, will be sure to get some good photos to share with everyone. (Photo by Harry Wajez.)

Animal control and dog licensing changes
(Submitted by Carol Welders)

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 municipality’s office will take over issuing dog licenses. Public Health will continue to investigate reports of animal bites to assure minimal risk of rabies exposure to humans.

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The American Red Cross supplies blood to 127 hospitals in Michigan.

KOSTRZEWANAS NUN SEAT JUDGE WIERENGO TWO YEARS AGO

At that time, two former prosecuting attorneys, Harry J. Knudsen and Paul Ladas, put ads in the Muskegon Chronicle accusing Kostrewza of making 8 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 accusing the incumbent judge of being responsible for a murder and rapes and abuses of victims of domestic violence.” Knudsen and Ladas 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 Ladas 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.

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 Shutter 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 go to:

Those folks that worked on the drive 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 Tony Tony’s and a massage.

Kindergarteners for the gift card to Texas Road House.

PTC (Parent Teacher Committee) for the gift certificate to the Homestead.

Administrators for the tickets to the Chicago Cubs game.

Shutter staff for a gift certificate to Bayshore Shores Resort with spending money.

To the Fruitport Board of Education for a job for 28 years and a beautiful clock to remember the years by.

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

Nona Hennessy
Former principal, Shutter School

Custodian Bill Welmer puts the finishing touches on the new Fruitport library drop box after it was installed on Tuesday, September 25.

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 Vriesen 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.

Ancient Israel comes alive in new book
By Paul Metzler and Mary Welmer

Have you ever wondered what Judah was like? If so, you will be interested in the book titled "Ancient Israel Comes Alive in the New Testament". This book will be available on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at the Fruitport Public Library.

The book is divided into two sections: "The Early Years" and "The Later Years". Each section contains brief biographies of the key figures from these periods in Israel's history.

The authors, Paul Metzler and Mary Welmer, provide their own personal insights into each figure, allowing readers to gain a deeper understanding of their lives and contributions.

Vote for the other candidate:
ANNETTE SMEDEL for Circuit Judge

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

October 27th and 28th, 2010, three seasoned attorneys: Paul M. Ladas, Harry J. Knudsen, and James Wiersma 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 with an article which stated, He “is not a candidate for public office. He is a judge of the Court of Appeals.”

The point is that as a voter you need to be an informed voter. Annette Smedley has the knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as Circuit Judge. She has been an attorney for over 30 years and has served as a judge for over 15 years.

Sandra Christiansen, Sullivan Township

This ad paid for by concerned citizens, Sandra Christiansen. This ad has not been approved or sanctioned by Knudsen, Ladas, Wiersma, or by candidate Annette Smedley.
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EDITORIAL

David Kolb, the Editorial Page Editor for the Muskegon Chronicle, had an Editorial at the Friday, October 10 payers stating that Chris Beck and Brian Wetsch were both good candidates for Fort Gratiot Township Supervisor but not for township manager. Evidently, according to Kolb, what Chris had going for him was his "forcefully" arguing for the township's best interest. As the Township's Board of Directors, they were aware of his advice on the township's budget, which he provided something they believed was a "forcefully" argument. The Chronicle noted that Kolb's writing was not only convincing but also persuasive, but he seems more interested in making a name for himself than what is best for the township.

The Chronicle is concerned about the many issues that the township needs to address and the need for a manager who can provide the necessary leadership. Kolb believes that the township needs to address the issues that have been raised in the past few years, and he believes that Kolb's writing is essential to making a political statement. Kolb has written many articles about the township's budget and how it affects the residents, and he has been a vocal advocate for change. He believes that Kolb's writing is essential to making a political statement and that it is time for the township to take action on the issues that are facing it.

Awards aplenty at the Muskegon County 4H Youth Fair

By Sandy Kriger

Ribbons, rabbits, rabbits were everywhere at the Muskegon County Youth Fair, and many in the crowds. Kobe Keber took senior teen showmanship; Katie Delbret won at the junior level, while Jennifer Chase was the top teen in citizenship, and Anasgie Pravsky took the top spot in the livestock event.

Near-perfect weather included Kayla Atwood, Michael Olhjell, Ross Fowles, Haley Buckner and Lauren Bolding. Senior doe category winners were Charlie Wight, Rachel Meldrum and Haley Buckner; Antonia Pravsky and Lynn Olhjell placed first and second respectively with their rabbits in the junior buck class. Junior doe honors went to rabbits belonging to Cameron Wright and Brian Pritchet.

Rabbits winners were Mitchell Dickey for senior buck; Gabrielle Dixon for senior doe; Lynn Olhjell in the junior buck category; and Gabrielle Dixon in the junior doe category. Best of breed was won by Lynn Olhjell.

Michaela Simerson was a big winner in the Mini Rex category, taking center buck, senior doe and best of breed. She also won best in show.

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

Mini Lop competitors in McInnis Potter's rabbit won senior buck and best of breed, while Mitchell Dixon's rabbit was awarded senior doe.

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

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

In the club awards, Independent Seekers took first place, Green Acres 4H Livestock placed second, with Northfield Pony Express, Thunderbees and Cavanig Heights placing third through fifth.

Winners in the far category were Michaela Simerson's and Ana Ivanov's livestock.

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

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

Sack race winners: Arnel Cibod who took first place and Millie Lesnik who placed second, and the third place winner.

Mr. Ermdnan furnished hours of interesting games, including the Egg Toss, for everyone at this year's 4-H Youth Fair.

Young marksmens aim in on their targets in the 4H Shooting Spots competition.
**Save and compare!**

Hire (Vote for) Ron Cooper for Fruitport Township Supervisor

**Resumé**

**Fruitport Township Supervisor** 1996-2000 & 2004-2008

West Michigan Spay and Neuter Clinic 501c3 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 super 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
50th 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

**Cooper Lawns Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin** 1959-1994
Founder, CEO. Sold in 1994 to a national company.
We manufactured lawn fertilizer and provided a weedling 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 865-3135 and a sign will be delivered to your address. If you have questions about this or any other information, please call 865-3135. Thank you in advance for your help and consideration. Please vote in the November 6th election. Together we can make a difference.

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**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 Sherlinger 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 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 are 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 these 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 talking 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 5-way land swap was made with the township, the conservation district, and the school system. The township now has ownership of 20 acres on Sherlinger 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 Musktawta 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.