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Select the right candidate this November Letter to the Editor:

It's your animal loving friend, Christine Lea, here.
I am the "bunny loving lady," founder and operator of Critter Café Rescue on Airline and Mt. 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 supervisor 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 such a great wealth of different amenities. In Fruitport Township, indeed, there is something for everyone to enjoy. It's no secret that I am a huge animal lover and advocate. Let me describe some of the ways in which Fruitport Township, with the support of Ron Cooper, benefits me in my mission to help needy animals that find their way to Critter Café.

I feel so blessed to have a strong relationship with my beloved go-to veterinarian, Dr. Corbett (honors also to her husband, Dr. Kromp). Dr. Corbett hangs her shingle just a short hop, skip and jump away, at the end of Pontaluna. It's reassuring that during emergencies I can trust one of the foremost rabbit and small animal vets in the area to be so close.

The West Michigan Spay and Neuter Clinic on Airline offers high quality, low cost spay/neuter/micro-chipping/rabies vaccinations and post-surgical care. To me, this is another priceless asset here in Fruitport, giving critical support to pets and their owners. Did you know Ron Cooper was one of two people instrumental in getting the clinic up and running to stop pet over-population in west Michigan? More than 4,000 (and counting) cat and dog spay/neuters have been safely accomplished.

My many years of being an animal lover have connected me with myriad personalities and minds. I have listened to and been fascinated by historical figures whose quotes, amazingly, speak to the human (and animal) condition as it stands today. The words of the wise seem to endure our changing times to stay relevant. One, my favorite, comes to my mind thinking over 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 bettered

the lives of thousands of West Michigan companion animals. He continues to embrace animal rescues like Critter Café, and helps in any way he can to enable me and other volunteers to do some of the heartbreaking and physically tedious work that goes into animal rescue.

To me, that really says a lot about Ron Cooper. Ron Cooper's work has given Critter Café and other animal rescues the safe space to, among other popular truisms, "live and let live," and "don't sweat the small stuff." His faithful support has even allowed animal rescuers to live this wisdom: "There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever." — Mahatma Gandhi

When one cares so deeply about the hardworking people in his community as Ron Cooper does, (and he is genuine in that care) a community as a whole is greater. Ron Cooper is truly a great leader.

Fruitport's current supervisor lacks the vision, empathy and greatness within himself to deserve a re-vote into our very abundant governmental heart. Where do we, as a community, want to go?

Sadly, too, our current supervisor lacks the stewardship, knowledge and reverence to respect many of the old-fashioned Good Samaritan folk like me. I am following my mission, which is to simply educate about and reach out to as many of the voiceless fur and feather babies in need as I can within my lifetime. Under the current supervisor, I have been persecuted for such works, which do harm to none.

I ask you to take a critical look at the promise — not kept, but made — of our current township supervisor upon his being sworn in: The promise of positive, experienced and proven leadership. Positivity, I certainly cannot prove, considering my encounters with him. I wonder also where he got his supervisory experience — certainly, he can't be citing his prior employment as a clerk?

He is not Fruitport's best bet for the future, as the past four years have truly proven. Please, let's go back to what worked and vote Ron Cooper back in! With Ron at our head, we can live our lives and take pleasure in addressing other important township issues, like enjoying and improving the venues!

I'll leave you with another quote, this time by philosopher Immanuel Kant: "We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." Ron Cooper's heart truly is so good.

Sincerely
Christine Lea
Critter Café Rescue
5818 Airline Road

Revealing NBC poll

(Submitted from Afghanistan by SFC James Sutton)

In an August poll by NBC, responders 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 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 "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 is the world catering to this 14 percent? •

Heading 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 of tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in time of peace."

Amendment II: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to keep 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 uniform to weapons. Presently our military is physically incapable of ruling the country by force because the means of production and distribution is privately controlled and the right to bear arms is the balance of power. Any infringement on this right is an act of subversion.

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

Jim Caldwell
Doyle, California



Bowe is one scared puppy!

By Mary Modderman and Mary Welmer

This Boston Terrier/Pekingese 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 happy. He is very tidy in his kennel, trying very hard to remember his manners despite the strange, scary place. His size, light coat and good looks make him a natural for just about any home. And he likes most dogs, too.

Please, please, please consider taking Bowe 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.

There are also several older dogs currently available at the shelter, 1300 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 avoiding having to housebreak and train a puppy and committing to caring 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 2 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) 724-6500 or email info@poundbuddies.org for more information. •

e-Fest! 2012

(Submitted by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce)

eFest! 2012 is a series of events specifically designed for small businesses and entrepreneurs! Produced by the e-Merge Entrepreneur Network of West Michigan and its partner organizations, the eFest! schedule includes a series of eight workshops and events that will be held at various locations along the lakeshore from October 24 to November 14.

Some events focus on general business topics such as marketing or state resources for small business, while others are designed for targeted groups such as food entrepreneurs or musicians who are interested in best practices to help them start and grow their business in a specific industry. Each event is an opportunity for entrepreneurs to network, learn from experts, and interact with their peers.

Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business will be held October 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the MAREC Center in Muskegon. It is free.

State Resources for Small Business is presented on Friday, October 26 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor. Chamber members: \$16; non-members, \$26.

Saturday, October 27, is "Entrée-preneurship": A Business Workshop for Food Entrepreneurs. It will be held at the Dogwood Center in Fremont, Michigan, from

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person.

"Entrepreneurism": A Business Workshop for Musicians will be held Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Seven Steps Up Event Center in Spring Lake. Cost is \$25 per person.

Wednesday, November 7 offers the opportunity for high school/college student participants to present their business idea. The top three finishers will win cash! The event, entitled **Boost! Muskegon Elevator Pitch Competition**, will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. at Muskegon Community College.

Meet the Lender gives entrepreneurs the opportunity to meet a variety of loan officers. It will be held at the MAREC Center in Muskegon from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, November 12.

Tuesday, November 13 offers a second chance for anyone to present a business idea in 2 minutes. **Boost! West Shore Elevator Pitch Competition**, will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. at West Shore Community College in Ludington, Michigan.

The final workshop, **Fundamentals of Financial Management**, will be presented at the MAREC Center in Muskegon from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14.

For more information, visit mlcc@muskegon.org or e-mergewestmichigan.org.



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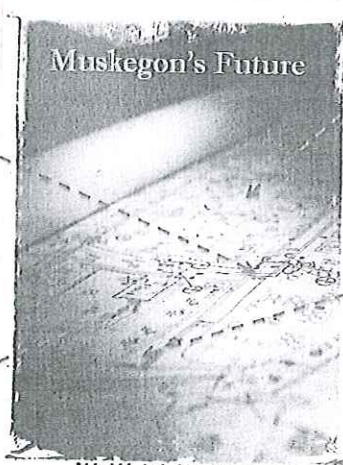
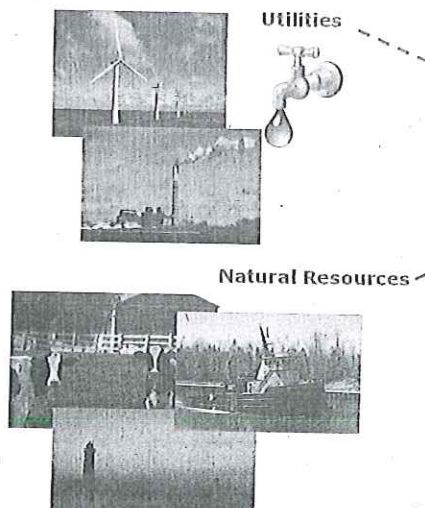
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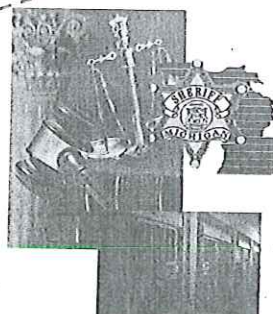


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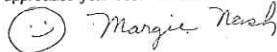
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Nancy Waters

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, prosecutor, sheriff and county clerk's office. Opponent: No experience.

County Executive: County Clerk, four years. Many improvements, including: 1. County board minutes available the same night online. 2. Online service for Circuit Court and Probate Court records. 3. Full service Saturdays. 4. Entrepreneur workshops. 5. Award from Republican Secretary of State for transparency, accountability and campaign finance online. 6. Monitors showing daily court schedules. 7. Electronic filing of death certificates. Opponent: No experience.

Business owner/CEO/President: 25 years requiring me to set budgets, make innovative changes to reduce costs in order to make a profit, and dealing with agencies and governments at all levels. Opponent: No experience.

Business Owner awards: Received the two highest awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters; elected into the Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award. 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 1994 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 Hilson 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 with law enforcement in many serious investigations and cases. DJ Hilson has tried over 60 felony jury trials, with a 100 percent conviction rate in cases involving murder, rape, armed robbery, and child molestation.

DJ Hilson is an active member of the Greater Muskegon Jaycees, the Muskegon Rotary Club, the Fraternal Order of Police and Knights of Columbus. DJ 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.hilsonforprosecutor.org.

DJ stands for Doing Justice for Muskegon County.

Mary Kotecki

Democratic candidate for Sullivan Township Trustee

As a lifelong and second-generation resident of Sullivan Township, Mary Kotecki is seeking the office of trustee. Mary is currently a member of the township park committee. She regularly attends monthly township board meetings and is already well-informed on many of the issues the township faces. This involvement has given her a great appreciation of the responsibility of local government.

As a trustee, Mary promises to be informed, active, and fully prepared for board meetings. In this economy, it is important to be a conservative steward of the township's funds and resources. She believes that to do this a trustee must research all aspects of an issue before voting on it, while keeping in mind what is best for the community.

Sullivan Township's Master Plan (the consensus of the residents' opinions on the future of their township) is to keep Sullivan rural and residential. Living in this community her entire life has given Mary a great appreciation of a community that values its families and homes. Mary believes that all decisions made by the board must reflect that of the community's wishes and that of its master plan.

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 from the University of Michigan. I taught for 2 1/2 years in Michigan prisons and received my Juris Doctor (law) Degree from Valparaiso University. I've been practicing law in the Muskegon Community ever since.

While I attended MCC primarily for financial reasons, there's no question that my best college experience was there. Teachers concentrated on teaching—not research—and they cared. So, long ago I decided to "give back" to MCC. I was a board member of the MCC Alumni Association for six years and the MCC Foundation for three years. I am now in my 14th year as a member of the MCC Board of Trustees.

During these years, MCC upgraded its technology, improved its library and admissions facilities, helped start (with the ISD) the Muskegon Tech Center, and overall maintained quality education at affordable tuition—all done at a time when our percentage of state funding decreased.

MCC was a "life changer" for me; I'm determined to keep it that way for the citizens of Muskegon County. While I am running unopposed, I respectfully request your vote.

Mark F. Fairchild

Democratic candidate for Register of Deeds

Mark Fairchild is "Our Muskegon County Register of Deeds," serving since 1999. Fairchild has been recognized by attorneys, real estate professionals, title companies and publications with stories titled, "Register Cleans Up Dirty Deeds." All are excited about the change and progress Fairchild has been able to achieve to progressively transform the Register of Deeds Office through tough challenges to make it the proud operation it is today. Fairchild has since been inducted in the Who's Who Historical Society of Public Service.

Fairchild previously served us as a county commissioner for 13 years, and professionally as a branch manager for a national mortgage lender. Fairchild is married to Shelley and they have a son, Charlie.

Mark has a BA degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University and an AA degree from Muskegon Community College. Fairchild is a local member of the West Michigan Lakeshore Association of Realtors, the Property Records Industry Association, American Record Managers Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Muskegon County Building Authority, the Muskegon Old Newsies Board of Directors, the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Officials and Treasurers.

Please visit Fairchild at www.co.muskegon.mi.us/deeds.

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 financial responsibility. I have seven years' leadership experience prior to being elected in Fruitport. Since being elected, I lead Fruitport forward in becoming a stable and thriving community. My leadership was proven during the devastating storms that ripped through our community in 2009. I promised to end the frivolous lawsuits that were plaguing our township and followed through. From 2006 through 2009 fiscal years the township was drained of \$933,841. I have run a balanced budget every year since taking office and ended the need to borrow money to pay bills. I have increased services while reducing operational costs by \$500,000 (27.7%). I increased police and fire protection while reducing the cost of those services. I have eliminated over \$3 million of debt at no cost to the taxpayers. I was the right choice four years ago against my opponent. I am the right choice again. I ask for your vote to continue the success for another four years. Win with Werschem.



Low Collins

Democratic candidate for Muskegon County commissioner, District 5



Low Collins is a 65 year old father of three adult children. He and his wife have been married for 47 years.

A graduate of Muskegon Catholic Central High School, Low has been a lifelong resident of Muskegon County and has lived in the 5th district for 27 years.

He has been a small business owner in Norton Shores for 40 years, and is retired from

L3 (the former Continental Motors) after 44 years.

He is a member of the Muskegon Conservation Club and has been active in United Way and community service for many years.

Low is eager to continue to work with the other county commissioners to move the county forward. "My experience on the board gives me the insight and common sense to make the best decisions for the taxpayers."

Sherry Yonkers

Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee

As an employee of Fruitport DPW, Sherry was appointed deputy clerk in 1974, and elected township clerk from 1976 to 1992. While continuing education with MSU she earned the equivalency of a degree in public administration. She was certified Level II Assessor by the Michigan State Assessor's Board, 1978-2012; and Personal Property Examiner from the Michigan State Tax Commission.

Sherry was active in the Michigan Township's Association with Muskegon County and was elected to represent Muskegon, Lake, Mason, Oceana and Newaygo counties on the State Board of Directors. She was active in local, state and national Municipal Clerk's Associations, the Michigan Municipal League, and studied planning and administering finances in government. She knows government fundamentals and procedures, and demonstrates a positive attitude.

Sherry is a member of Fruitport Congregational UCC, a Fruitport Lioness, volunteers for Harbor Hospice, and is a member of the Muskegon County Garden Club.

She asks for your support to once again be active in our community and to use her background, experience, and education to benefit the people who afford her the opportunity to work and act responsibly in the service of her constituents.

Sherry asks "forget-me-not" and to please vote "Yonkers."

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:

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- ◆ 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 a precious and lucrative commodity which must be protected

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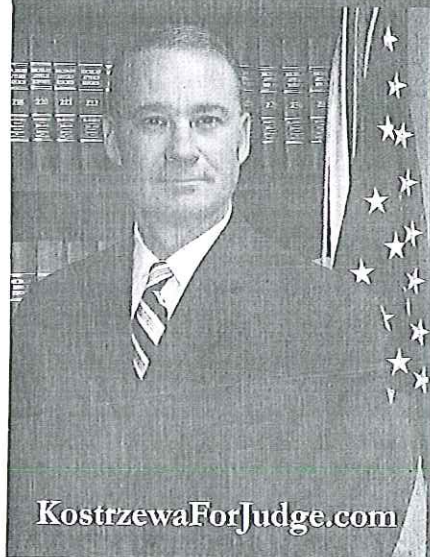
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CAROL HUIKA
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Clerk)
Carol is a graduate of Muskegon Community College with a degree in business management. Her previous employment includes 25 years of experience working in a manufacturing environment.
Carol is a Certified Municipal Clerk and has attained Master Municipal Clerk designation. She is a member of local, state, and international clerk's organizations.

She is a member of the Fruitport Lady Lioness and a big sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister program.
Carol says, "Having served my community as Fruitport Township Clerk since 1992, I still enjoy the challenge and the variety that I encounter 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 28 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 and the Muskegon County Treasurer's Association. I am the chair of the Fruitport Library Committee and secretary of the Fruitport Lioness Club.

Fruitport Township is a growing, vibrant community within Muskegon County. It is important that we elect leaders who will keep Fruitport's best interest as their goal. 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 Goll's Welding. I have lived here in Fruitport since 1977. You elected me four years ago, and serving on the board of Fruitport Township makes me proud. I've learned a lot and yes, they call me the "fiscal watchdog!" I do my best not to waste the taxpayers' dollars.
I believe in common sense thinking! If you do, too, then vote for Dave!

Charles Whitlow
(Democratic candidate for Fruitport Township Trustee)

Charles Whitlow is presently a trustee on the Fruitport Township Board. I have served a total of 20 years on the board and have worked with the planning commission most of the 20 years. I have also served on the Department of Public Works Committee, Police and Fire Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

I have owned a successful business in Fruitport township for 30 years, and have been very active with the Sportsmen for Youth for many years and am presently vice president of the organization.

I have lived in Fruitport Township most of my life and have two grown 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 anyone has questions, comments or suggestions, I have been and will always be available to hear them to better Fruitport Township.

I would like your support in the upcoming election.

DAVE FISHER
Democratic candidate for Muskegon County Drain Commissioner

Dave Fisher and his wife Karen are residents of Fruitport Township. They have six grown children and 14 grandchildren. Dave has been in the field of public works for over 35 years and brings a high level of professional experience to the office.

As the current drain commissioner, Dave is also a statutory member of the Muskegon County Board of Public Works. This board sets policy and manages the Muskegon County Waste 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 educating property owners and local units of government of the potential liabilities for not meeting these new mandates.

The most exciting part of the drain office is helping residents find solutions to their drainage concerns.

Dave is very active in pursuing pollution abatement solutions. Pushing the state, responsible parties like Marathon and our local units to take responsibility for cleanup rather than just accepting pollution levels in the watershed, is an ongoing challenge.

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

My name is Raymond "Randy" Kostorzewa and I am a candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court. This campaign is not about me but rather what Muskegon expects and deserves in a Circuit Court Judge.

I have been married to my wife Linnea 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 School of Law. I practiced with a large Detroit area law firm in the area of civil medical malpractice defense. I am currently employed as a Senior Assistant Prosecutor. In almost 20 years I have handled hundreds of cases in the very circuit courtroom I am asking to be elected. I have gained the experience necessary to make the right decisions.

I have served the United Way of the Lakeshore, and volunteered with the Muskegon Exchange Club speaking to area middle school students about the importance of making wise choices. I also volunteer at St. Francis de Sales church as a lector/reader and for many years mentored our area youth by coaching basketball, football and baseball.

My career has been dedicated to the safety of our community. With the heart of a servant I have a burning desire to bring my fairness, independence, integrity and compassion to work each day for Muskegon County as your next 14th Circuit Court Judge. Please remember to vote November 6, 2012, Raymond Kostorzewa for Circuit Court Judge. Thank you for your support.

Collene Lamonte
Democratic candidate for Michigan State Representative - 91st District

Collene Lamonte is not a politician. The mother of two young children, she teaches physical science at Muskegon High School and has been married to her husband Jeff for 18 years.

Collene worked her way through college by landscaping, waitressing, cleaning restrooms and mowing lawns. She believed in Michigan where hard work was rewarded with economic security. But when her husband lost his job in the automotive industry, they soon lost their home to foreclosure. During the slow process of financial rebuilding, new employment opportunities led Collene and Jeff to West Michigan.

Following the 2010 election, Collene was alarmed by legislation targeting public schools, the middle class, working poor and elderly. She grew frustrated watching students, colleagues, and administrators struggle under the burden of inadequate funding. Collene was convinced she could serve Michigan better in Lansing than in the classroom.

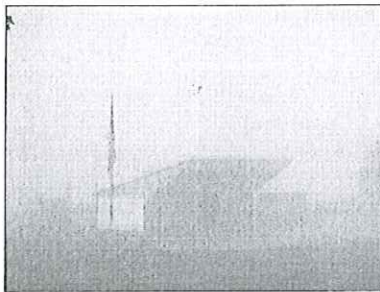
She is committed to restoring the \$1 billion funding cut in public education and will work with businesses to ensure that students graduate with the skills necessary for 21st century jobs. Collene believes the \$1.8 billion tax break for corporations and CEOs should have been tied to job creation for Michigan workers. She will work to ensure that corporations earning large profits pay their fair share for using Michigan's infrastructure and services.

Meet the candidates night at the Fruitport VFW

(Submitted by Max Riekse, Post Commander and Legislative Officer)

The Fruitport VFW Polar Bear Post 3734 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, 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.

Area residents may visit the Grand Haven office, 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.ExpressSOS.com.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Waters



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



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, Bolema Lumber and Master Tag.

I have been a White River Township Trustee for 12 years; a former Montague Area School Board member and former Muskegon Local Emergency Planning Commission board member. Also formerly served on the White Lake Community Fund Board, the Hackley Hospital Cornerstone Foundation, and as a council member of Lebanon Lutheran Church. Currently serving on the board of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Tanglewood Park Finance Committee, a member of Rotary and White Lake Recyclers. I am pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment.

Marvin 'Marve' Engle
Republican candidate for Muskegon County Commissioner, 5th District

Marvin "Marve" Engle is a life-long resident of Muskegon County, and a fourth-generation Fruitport Township resident.

I'm an experienced retired businessman with years of dedicated public service, including serving on the township planning commission, where I was chairman for over 20 years. I have been a Muskegon County Commissioner since 2002. While on that commission, I serve as:

- Chairman, Public Works Board (vice-chair for six years)
- Chairman, Port Committee
- Member of the Michigan State University Extension District 8 Board
- Liaison to the Muskegon County Road Commission
- Liaison to the Muskegon County Fair Board

I am a fiscal conservative, but support environmental initiatives with an eye to their economic and social impacts. Muskegon County needs to continue to innovate; always look for new and better solutions.

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 & 11, 2013. The club has made arrangements with Bee Green Online Auction Services, 12351 Cleveland Street (M-104) in Nunica to accept donated 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 6 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) 633-6043 with questions about potential donations.

The annual sale supports the YMCA and Camp Pentalouan.

Thank you, Aspen Dental Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank Dr. Miller, Brett, 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 it the most. When all the other dentists in town turned their back on me, the staff at Aspen Dental went above and beyond the call of duty to find a way 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) 722-8200. 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. Miller, Brett 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 so does prosperity, but when government grows liberty contracts.

What would be your reaction if I said that the office of Occupational Health and Safety ought to be abolished? Most people I suspect just assume that it is necessary to have a government officer make sure that work places are safe. Few people ask themselves what the world would look like in the absence of a government inspector. I submit that the only difference is that insurers would be a little more diligent in protecting their investments and employers would do the same to keep their premiums low and protect themselves from lawsuits. We would all have to pay fewer taxes to support the inspectors. The inspectors would have jobs doing productive things and we would all be wealthier for the effort. This is just one small example of how government interference hinders prosperity. For more ideas about how liberty is always the answer to today's issues, visit me on the web at www.nicksundquist.com.

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 very close to realigning our elementary schools. I was a vocal opponent to this because growing up in Fruitport I saw the positives that came from having the community elementary schools. I am not willing to experiment with out kids' futures without real proof of its' benefiting them. I understand we have serious financial constraints and I will work hard to find ways to cut costs without sacrificing our kids' education. To show my commitment to this, if elected, I will donate ALL pay received back to the schools. I will also fight to make sure information is made 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. I currently work for Benteler Aluminum in Holland. I am married with three girls ages 4-9. I'm very active in our community, being on the township Board of Review and coaching girls' soccer. I enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing and biking.

Ron Cooper

No Party Affiliation candidate for Fruitport Township Supervisor

Ron Cooper is married to Mariann and is a lifelong resident of Fruitport township. They have six grown children, 17 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, in addition to their foster children. Most of them live in Fruitport Township. He has been a farmer and business owner and editor/publisher of the Fruitport Area News since 1983, and served two terms as township supervisor beginning in 1996 and 2004. He is a 54-year member of the Fruitport Lions Club, a Elder and Sunday School Superintendent of First Congregational Church of Fruitport.

Some of the accomplishments of his administration included increased police protection, built a police headquarters (\$300,000) onto Fire Station No. 1, improved fire and emergency response time; lifted a water moratorium and improved the water system; created a voluntary sewer system with the capacity to serve the mall development and the southern part of the township's future needs, including the school and the village; improved roads; facilitated the Lakes Mall and Meijers development; added burial area and added onto the cemetery building, and even increased the general fund without additional taxes.

Vote for the proven leadership of Ron Cooper for township supervisor.

Plan to attend this year's tree lighting ceremony

By Harry Wojahn
It's that time of year again to start getting ready for Fruitport's annual tree lighting ceremony. Every year it seems we have a better turnout. Be sure to come on down and have some free hot cocoa and cookies along with some nice warm coffee to help with that winter chill. Bundle your family up and come on down; there will be voting on the trees decorated by area organizations, and a couple of bonfires to keep everyone warm. There will be live music and great company. Hope to see you out there.

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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, termination of parental rights, divorce, personal protection, and property disputes.

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

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

She has a degree in accounting, an Associates in Arts degree from Muskegon Community College, a Bachelor's degree in political 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 commuted to Lansing to attend law school.

This proven history of 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 point of view into the judicial system."

To learn more, go to votesmedley.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 would 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 options when it comes to accessing

records, filing paperwork or paying fines. She would also focus 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 amid shrinking 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 project on high school officiating. She earned a B.A. in English and Political Science from Miami University. She and her husband, Dusty Fairfield, have three grown daughters and live on a hobby farm in Ravenna.

Eric Rothoff

Republican candidate for Muskegon County Treasurer

Eric Rothoff graduated from Michigan State University with two bachelor's degrees, one 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 operations 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 withdraws properties before the public land auction, bundles properties, and provides minimal information on available properties. In 2010, he bundled 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 not sold at the public auction, causing the municipalities to be charged \$124,336.84. The Land Bank has since sold 37 of those properties, which were worth about \$1,601,997, for \$354,072.03, 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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- 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"

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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 consolidated the number of districts from 11 to 9, and the Chamber website has resources to help you learn your 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 rating. 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 county-wide. Get to know the issues and more by visiting the Chamber website. All the resources you need are online at www.muskegon.org.

Do you know where they are?

By Mariann 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 231-865-3034 or Mariann at 231-865-6370 and let us know:

• Joanna Anderson, • Geri Bass,
• Candi Beese, • Leodis Cheatam,
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• Erma Green/McGee, • Willie Griffin,
• Earlene R. Grissom, • Tom Hakes,
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• Mary Thies, • Marna Unger, • Tom VanderLaan, and • Sharon Walker/Nordes.

Any help you can give us will be appreciated.

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Char's small piece of mother earth

By Charlene Lozicki

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

I had plans for a weekly schedule to maintain and improve this piece of mother earth, but things put a damper on my plans. My little red grass-cutting machine after several trips to the lawn mower doctor works very well if I cut the front and back yard without stopping. She thinks she needs a rest if I let her stop before finishing the job, and she won't restart. June, I was told, was the time to plant grass, but it was so hot and with little rain, I decided the air conditioner sounded pretty good, although claustrophobic, with windows and doors shut waiting for a cool day. I don't remember finding one. The chipmunks were pretty active; my little dog tore a ligament in her leg chasing after one, so I walked her around the yard, keeping her activity to a minimum for healing. She is no longer limping. The chipmunks enjoyed digging up seeds I had in flowerpots, so I sprouted them inside. A big fat toad enjoyed sitting in one of the pots. He left after a couple weeks, but at least I know it wasn't the result of my little dog.

Those flowerpots cried out for water several times a day along with flowers around the porch, and I succumbed to their wishes. I learned ferns don't like hot sun and little water. Amazingly, where there was no water hardy plants drooped and turned brown, but weeds sprouted up in that dry sandy soil. Isn't mother earth wonderfully amazing? The violets in the lawn came up in abundance in the spring and were flourishing all summer, so I did spend time pulling out their roots. It's amazing how they flourished after being doused with weed killer last year.

The summer is nearing the end, and so far I have green tomatoes on a plant that haven't been eaten yet. Rain has come and I have green grass, flowers blooming, and a dog running after chipmunks. There is beautiful produce at the farmers' market. Mother Nature really is amazing.



The bald eagles have not been around their Fruitport Road nest much this year, though I am sure they will be back next year. It 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, I will be sure to get some good photos to share with everyone. (Photo by Harry Wojahn.)

Max Riekse

Republican write-in candidate for Fruitport Township Parks Commission

Max Riekse is a write-in candidate for Fruitport Township Parks Commissioner under the Republican portion of the ballot. This would be Max's third term on the parks commission, having previously served two terms.

Max Riekse is a Fruitport High School graduate. His son, in his fifth year of Fruitport soccer, also participated in baseball and football in Fruitport.

"We need to seek federal and state grants, not loans, to expand Fruitport area bike paths, along with supporting a high quality soccer, football and baseball program for all Fruitport youth and adults."

Write in "Max Riekse" under the Republican portion of the ballot for parks commissioner and blacken the oval near it.

I appreciate your write-in vote!

Animal control and dog licensing changes

(Submitted by Public Health Muskegon County)

Animal control-related activities, such as impoundment of stray dogs and investigation 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 treasurer's office will take over selling 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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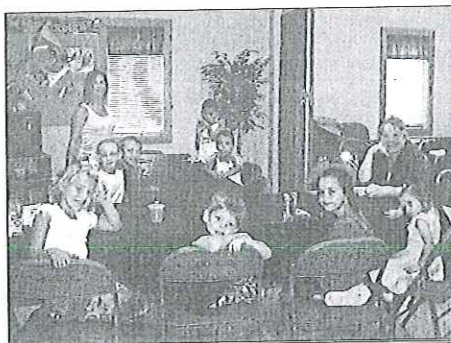
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Principal says thanks Letter to the Editor:

Thank you to the Fruitport community for being so generous and appreciative at my retirement. The last days at Shettler 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:

Third-fifth 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 Road House

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

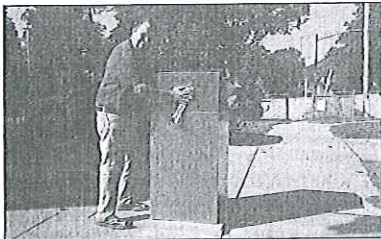
Administrators for the tickets to the Chicago Cubs game

Shettler staff for a gift certificate to Bayshore Shore Resort with spending money

To the Fruitport Board of Education for a job for 38 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 successful and rewarding. The relationships will not go away. Thanks again for all that you did for me!

Norm Heerema
Former principal,
Shettler School



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

Friends of the Fruitport Library holding book sale

By Mary Weimer

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 Werschem 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 open library hours. •

Ancient Israel comes alive in new book

By Pam Mettler and Mary Weimer

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

How is that possible? She begins by leading readers through the core statement of Jewish faith, the *Shema*, 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 Rabbi Jesus. Peppering throughout the book is a series of quotes from the Talmud and various rabbis.

The third part of the book discusses the discipline of studying the Word with Rabbi Jesus. Since ancient people of Jesus' time knew their Scriptures because they saw study as a form of worship, in this day and age people struggle with how to deal with the inability to know all the answers.

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

"If you are walking in your Rabbi's dust, you are called to follow Him into the ashes of our crumbling, burning world," writes Tverberg.

For more information about the book, visit www.zondervan.com or a local bookseller. •

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KOSTRZEWA RAN TO UNSEAT 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 Kostorzewa of making 8 false statements in his campaign and listed them in their ad:

They also claimed that Kostorzewa "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 depicting 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.

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. Ladas, Harry J. Knudsen, and James Waters 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 run someone against you, and we will come at you with guns blazing and use every tactic we can, from deception and distortion, to outright lying about your record and matters of the court. They have tempted me to stoop to their level and fire back, and believe me, I have ammo with which to do it."

The point I am trying to relay 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, Ladas, Waters, 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 paper stating that Chris Beck and Brian Werschm, were both good candidates for Fruitport Township Supervisor but favoring Beck. Evidently, according to Kolb, what Chris had going for him was his "forcefully" arguing for the township's best interest. I, as the outgoing supervisor, had not intended to comment on the two candidates during this election. But being aware of Chris Beck's antics and the negative affect he has had on our township for the last four years, and being aware of his affect on our township the prior four years, I feel that it would be wrong for me to be silent and leave our voters misinformed by Kolb and the Chronicle.

"What's with Chris Beck? Is he running for supervisor already?" was a common question I was asked starting over three years ago. Over time, my answer became I don't know but he sure seems more interested in making a name for himself than what is best for the township.

The Chronicle loves Chris because, on nearly any issue, they can get an opposing viewpoint from him. The Chronicle makes an effort to put some controversy into each article. People are drawn to controversy and Kolb wants the Chronicle's reader to be glued to as many articles as possible. As I have witnessed 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 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 during his grandstanding made statements that, in my opinion were not true, and according to the township insurance company lawyer, made it difficult to go to trial. Chris was thought of as an unpredictable witness who refused to acknowledge facts he knew to be correct. It cost the township and insurance company each \$50,000 in a settlement. Over the years, his outbursts and contrary attention-seeking actions repeatedly proved to be a detriment of the township, but to the glee of Kolb and the Chronicle because it provided interesting reading. Additionally, once the Chronicle is provided with an interesting story line, even if untrue, they repeat it over and over and get as much mileage out of it as possible. Then later, they repeat the false but still interesting storyline again, sometimes years later. The readers, not having been given an opposing viewpoint, eventually believe what they have been repeatedly reading. Kolb and the Chronicle's job is to truthfully inform the public, but once they print a misrepresented or just plain ignorant story; they become locked into it. Personally, I don't think Kolb is concerned. He seems to form opinions and puts them into editorials with second hand information and very offhandedly fills his editorial space in the Chronicle each day with little concern of what harm it does to people's lives or, in our case, the best management of our township.

Getting 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 Downs. The lawyers were discussing an amount that Magna would pay to settle of between \$200,000 and \$270,000. Chris evidently found out we were getting close to a settlement, which would have made him look foolish because of his constant criticism of our suits, and proposed to the board that we drop the law suit immediately without even consulting our attorney. He was able to convince a majority of the board to go along with him. It was like throwing \$200,000+ of township money away. It seemed not 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 \$270,000 from Magna and Great Lakes Downs and it was not wise to stop at this time. It did not faze Chris and he continued to press for dropping it.

In my concern that the township not lose this settlement, I offered to pay all attorney and other costs personally if the board would authorize continuing on. Chris still argued against it with the Chronicle gleefully reporting the stupidity of my trying to collect \$1,000,000 owed to the township on one count and \$200,000 - \$300,000 on another. I do not believe that Chris or anyone from the Chronicle have read even 10% of the information necessary to make an informed decision on the validity of our argument that the township is owed these amounts. The board finally overcame Beck's persistence and voted to continue at my personal expense. Of course, after all the one-sided publicity in the Chronicle, Magna and Great Lakes Downs' attorney quickly came back with a \$15,000 counter offer which was coincidentally about what I had to pay for attorney fees to continue the township's lawsuit. Our opportunity was at least temporarily lost.

- The casino issue. After doing considerable research, it became apparent that we were going to get a casino in Fruitport Township. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians had already paid over five million dollars for Great Lakes Downs and the property south of the racetrack. They were also in negotiations for additional land worth millions of dollars. They were confident that the law would accommodate them. We were in contact with most of the other communities in Michigan that already had casinos and they were telling us what they wished they had done differently and what mistakes they had made. We were becoming very well informed on how to not only protect our township, but to make it the most beneficial to the township.

We knew that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians had to go through a process of resolutions. They needed a

resolution from the county and the township before they could move on to the state and federal governments. We also knew that we needed to have some developmental agreements with the Indians before or in conjunction with our resolution of support. We knew once they got their resolution of support, our bargaining position was greatly reduced. Our citizens had a lot of questions so it was decided that we would have an informational board meeting to fully inform them of as many of the details as we could of what was transpiring. At that meeting, Chris Beck started hollering and shouting to the crowd about just giving them the resolution without any contingencies. The crowd and other board members responded to his board motion in hysteria.

Jeff Jacobs, Chairman of the Planning Commission, counseled the board that we needed development agreements as contingencies for the resolution of support the Indians needed that would be in the best interest of the township. Chris argued we needed the jobs, etc. and that we need to act now before the Indians changed their minds, as if they or the jobs were going anywhere after just purchasing millions of dollars worth of land. A majority of the board members got caught up in the frenzy and voted to just give them the resolution without any conditions. It was the most significant example of crowd hysteria and stupidity that I ever witnessed in person. It was a terrible decision for our township and its citizens.

During the following two weeks, Fruitport's Planning Commission Chairman, Jeff Jacobs, pleaded with each member individually to add developmental agreement conditions to the resolution of support at the very next board meeting and hoped the Indians would not object. Fortunately, he was successful in doing that and the board added the conditions to their resolution. As it is now, the township did get some of the badly needed protection that was missing from the first resolution, not that it couldn't have been better if we would have taken our time and been more thoughtful.

In the October 10 editorial, the Chronicle still portrays Beck's actions in regard to that incident in a favorable light. Go figure!

Our citizens should also be informed that Chris has gotten upset and walked out of three township board meetings. He also stopped Marjorie Nash and Greg Huika at the township entrance and convinced them to boycott a meeting (Paul Schultz was absent) to prevent a quorum. His reasoning was that he didn't get enough advance information for the meeting. The board meeting, for the most part, was intended to be informational in nature and one inquiry would have informed him if he really wanted to know.

These are a few examples of Chris' attempts to make a political name for himself at the detriment of our community.

Again, in the October 10 Editorial, the Chronicle fails to inform the voters Chris is planning on keeping his full time job and do the township supervisor's job, also. Chris is on the Police Committee and had difficulty making the 4:00 meeting once a month to the point where we changed the meeting to Friday, his day off, so he could make it on time. There are regularly several meetings during the day, besides the evening meetings that often go until 9:00 p.m.; and the phone rings all day with our citizens' needs. I cannot see how he is going to fulfill the needs of our township around another full time job. His offer to reduce his wage by 10% is not going to be a bargain considering he will be on the job part time. During a phone call with a citizen, I often have a call or person with needs, waiting. I doubt that his employer will allow him continuous phone calls during the day, during working hours. It won't work without really short-changing the citizens of our township. The fact that he even thinks it will work makes me wonder if he understands the responsibilities of the township supervisor's job.

Ron Cooper, (current) Fruitport Township Supervisor



Hunter Kriger has a real buddy with his friendly goat, Buddie.

Awards aplenty at the Muskegon County 4H Youth Fair

by Sandy Kriger

Rabbits, rabbits, rabbits were everywhere at the Muskegon County Youth Fair, and many won awards. Katie Kober took senior teen showmanship; Katie DeBruin won at the junior level; Nichole Chase was the top pre-teen in showmanship; and Antonia Privacky took the top spot in the novice class.

Non purebred winners included Kayla Atwood, Michael Olthof, Sean Foster, Hailey Buckner and Lauren Rollings. Senior doe category winners were Charlie Wright, Rachel Meldrum and Hailey Buckner. Antonia Privacky and Lynn Olthof placed first and second respectively with their rabbits in the junior buck class. Junior doe honors went to rabbits belonging to Cameron Wright and Boure Privacky.

Polish rabbits winners were Mitchell Dixon for senior buck; Gabrielle Dixon for senior doe; Lynn Olthof in the junior buck category; and Gabrielle Dixon in the junior doe category. Best of breed went to Lynn Olthof.

Michaela Simmons was a big winner in the Mini Rex category, taking senior 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 competition's McKenzie 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 won best of breed with her senior doe.

Anna Iwaniiw's rabbit took best of breed in the "any other 6" class.

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

Winners in the fur class were Michaela Simmons' Rex; Anna Iwaniiw's Satin and Addison Walstra's Normal.

Costume class winners were Hailey Buckner in the five to 11 year old competition and Mae LaBrie at the 12 to 19 year old level.

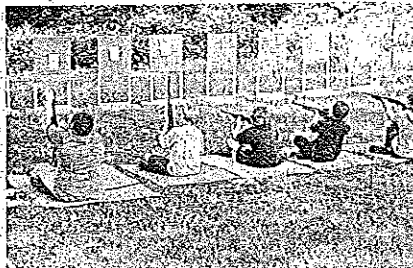
Congratulations to all the 4-H winners for a great year at the fair. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Sack race winners, Annel Olthof who took first place, MSU Extension official Frank Cox, who placed second, and the third 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.

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 2008 to Present
Co-founder and president. Non-paid. Purpose is to provide low-cost spay and neutering 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, Mariann, 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
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

Cooper Lawns Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1959-1994
Founder, CEO. Sold in 1994 to a national company. We manufactured lawn fertilizer and provided a weeding 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 Mariann. 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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There were many accomplishments during his last term (2004 - 2008):

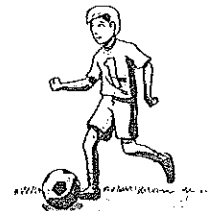
- Converted 5 roads from gravel to asphalt
- Added 11 extensions to our water trunk lines
- Started a soccer park on Sheringer Rd.
- Extended bike paths
- Added to the cemetery building
- Renovating the bathrooms at Farr Field
- Added two practice fields at east side of Farr Field
- Built police headquarters (\$300,000) onto fire station on Airline
- Focused Lights on Water Tower
- Inherited a \$500,000 budget deficit and balanced.
- 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 taking office, we had meetings with the soccer parents' group and encouraged them to participate and help identify the best location of land the township owned. Forty (40) acres of township property on Porter Road was chosen. Opposition developed against using the land for that purpose, and with the help of some very key people, a 3-way land swap was made with the township, the conservation district, and the school system. The township now has ownership of 20 acres on Sheringer Road for our soccer park.



• Bike Paths

We built miles of bike paths and lanes during both terms, all within our budget. I believe bike paths are important to the health and welfare of our community and much more can be done. When I left office we had about 1/2 of the money needed pledged to connect the Muskatawa 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.