

Fruitport Youth Club to hold golf scramble

by Mary Weimer

The Fruitport Youth Club is holding an 18-hole golf scramble at the Terra Verde Golf Course in Nunica on August 22, 2009.

Check in time is 7 a.m. with a shot gun start at 8 a.m. The cost is \$240 for a complete foursome with an August 19 registration deadline. The cost includes a steak dinner, raffles and prizes, green fees, and a cart. All proceeds benefit the Fruitport Youth Club.

To register your team, contact Norm Butler at (616) 846-8917 or Dale Lee at (231) 777-3732, or e-mail fruitport_youth_club@verizon.net. •

Aaron's walk scheduled for October 18

by Mary Weimer

Young Aaron Biros, a student at Edgewood Elementary School, has ataxia-telangiectasia, or A-T for short.

For several years now, his friends, family and neighbors have joined together for Aaron's Walk to raise funds which benefit the A-T Children's Project. This year, the walk will be held on Sunday, October 18 beginning at 1 p.m. at Edgewood Elementary School.

A-T is like having cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, immune deficiencies, muscular dystrophy, and cancer all rolled into one genetic disease.

The walk includes fun, food, raffles, and prizes in addition to supporting a good cause. Kids 18 and under are eligible to win a personal media player by raising the most money for A-T research.

So plan on walking for Aaron this October 18, and help raise the funds to find a cure. •

Please lend a hand to Michigan residents in need

(Submitted by Consumers Energy)

Consumers Energy and the Salvation Army are asking those with resources to "please lend a hand to those in need" through the PeopleCare program.

Consumers Energy customers can support People Care's work of helping families and individuals by a variety of payment methods. Customers may donate \$3 a month or make a one-time donation of \$5 by checking one of the boxes at the top of their July bill. If they'd like to contribute a different amount, or make a donation by credit card, they can fill out the form in *Newsline* (the utility's newsletter) and return it with the special PeopleCare envelope enclosed with their July bill.

Donations may also be made on-line at www.usc.salvationarmy.org/peoplecare. or by mail to PeopleCare, Consumers Energy, Lansing, MI 48937-0001.

Since it was established in 1983, PeopleCare has helped 360,000 households in Michigan. Consumers Energy employees and customers have donated nearly \$13 million to support PeopleCare and the utility has contributed \$27 million in energy bill credits for total support of \$40 million. •



Paul and Mary Cerniglia pose with Steve Warmington, Muskegon mayor, at Sanctuary at McCauley, a senior rehabilitation and nursing care community in Muskegon. They were celebrating the proclamation of Homecoming Week of the American Association of Home and Services for the Aging in May to honor the residents and staff who live and work in the senior community. (Photo by Melisa Toppen.)

Wesco selected as one of West Michigan's 101 best companies

(Submitted by Wesco)

Wesco was recently selected by the Michigan Business and Professional Association as one of "West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For".

The company was established in Muskegon in 1952. It is family-owned and operated, and has more than 900 employees. The company operates 51 locations throughout West Michigan and Mid-Michigan, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Being named to this prestigious list is a designation that hundreds of companies pursue. Nominated companies are assessed by an independent research firm for their communication, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multiculturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, recruitment and selection, small business and work-life balance.

For more information, visit www.gowesco.com •••

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Library community room available for rent

by Mary Weimer

The Fruitport District Library Committee is pleased to announce that the Werschem Community Room is once again available for rent for private family functions.

The newly-refurbished community room can be rented daytime (Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for \$50; evenings (5 to 11 p.m.) for \$65; weekends (11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.) for \$75; and holidays (11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.) for \$90.

Applications require a refundable cash deposit of \$25, in addition to the rental fee. Rental application forms are available from Rose Dillon at the Fruitport Township Hall, 6543 Airline Road (231) 865-3151. •

Baker College names winter quarter honors students

(Submitted by Baker College)

President's list students from our area include Robert Faith, Sarah Lager and Heidi Lusk, all of whom achieved a 4.0 grade point average.

Dean's List honorees were Christopher Allen, Alex Baldwin, Brett Chartrand, Denise Christiansen, Patricia Danielson, David Dursema, Jimilyn Epplett, Cameron Fielstra, Twosixtwo Fiveonezerozero, Bruce Gaultney, Joseph Glynn, Jacquelyn Haiker, David Hazekamp, Autumn Homoly, Scott Jensen, Philip Johnson, Steven Kieft, Russell Laarman, Justin Mathis, Katherine Mogdis, Daniel Olthof, Paul Pavlich, Anna Pearo, Susan Poel, Hollie Potts, Vera Poulin, Brittani Pruium, Deana Richter, Noah Rufener, Jessica Sabo, Henney Scholte, Donna Schucker, Matthew Stefanich, Brook Terryn, Rick Tice, Ricky Tice, Michael Valdez, Tavra Whar, Erin Warren, Michelle Wildey, and Kimberly Kay Williams.

Several Nunica students were also on the Dean's List: Kyle Bross, Hope Brouwer, Austin Douglas, Deanna Falkowski, Leann Gould, Jesse Peterson, Rebekah Place, Matt Sneller, Lisa Stebbins, and Maria Tucker. •

Central Michigan University names honors students

(Submitted by Central Michigan University)

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from our area who earned a 3.5 grade average or better on a 4.0 scale. The spring semester ended in May. Local CMU students on the list include Holly Anderson, Brian Olovson, Regina Slovinski, Whitney Woolley, and Kellene Elise Hilliard. •

Muskegon Community College honors students announced

(Submitted by Muskegon Community College)

Dean's list students for the winter, 2009, semester at Muskegon Community College include Jerry Ashendorf, Dawn Hayes, and Beann Woolley from Fruitport and Nunica residents Erin Beld, Amy Huges and Eric Jawor.

Honors list students include Fruitport residents Brett Danhof, Mark Dershem, Kaleigh Haase, Vera Poulin, Jeffrey Russell, April Schoenmaker and Jonathan Wilds. Brent Hutchison, Larry Nulf, Eric Schave and Lisa Wisman from Nunica were also named to the honors list. •

Free backpacks complete with school supplies

(Submitted by Muskegon Area Intermediate School District)

Area churches will again be handing out free backpacks stocked with school supplies. Preschoolers through high school seniors are eligible to receive a backpack. The first 300 students at a distribution site who are accompanied by a parent or guardian will receive a backpack. The value of one backpack filled with school supplies is approximately \$10.

The backpack sites will offer resource fairs for families as well. Each fair will include different resources, and each site will offer something to eat in the form of a free lunch, dinner, or snack.

The two coordinating organizations, Back-2-School and Lakeshore Backpacks for Kids, are currently in the process of raising the financial support needed to help pay for the items.

The site closest to our area is the Nazarene Community Resource Center, Eastwood Campus, 2270 S. Mill Iron Road. The event will be held Thursday, July 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call them at (231) 773-2812. •

Gallery Uptown features people and places

(Submitted by Gallery Uptown)

People and Places, featuring the work of four artists who see the world through colorful and untypical eyes, is the July show at the Gallery Uptown, 201 Washington Avenue, in Grand Haven.

Larry Blovits and Karen Godfrey are the guest artists featured. Blovits offers energized landscapes and portraits in oil, while Godfrey's work depicts complex psychological scenes in acrylic. Member artists Maggie Bandstra (textural oil fantasies) and Margaret Benefiel (charmingly disordered figures in mixed media) round out the four artists.

The show continues through July 31.

Summer hours at the Gallery are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. •

Meisenheimer - Overkamp engagement announced

Jacqueline Hope Meisenheimer and Robert Wayne Overkamp have announced their engagement.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Lucille and Jacob Meisenheimer of Muskegon. Robert is the son of Betty and Robert Overkamp of Newaygo.

The bride-to-be is a 1976 graduate of Mona Shores High School. She is a sales associate at Younker's Department Store.

The prospective groom is a paint technician and is employed by Sintel of Spring Lake.

The couple plans an August, 2010 wedding. •

Open seat on Fruitport Library Committee

by Mary Weimer

The Fruitport Library Committee, made up of representatives from the township and from the village, is in charge of the Fruitport Library building and grounds maintenance.

Due to the recent resignation of Ron Cooper, who represented the township, a seat on the committee is now open.

If you would like to serve your community as a representative on this committee, please send a letter of interest to Rose Dillon, 6543 Airline Road.

The committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fruitport Township Hall. •

West Michigan lakeshore winery tasting room open

(Submitted by Lake Effect Winery)

Lake Effect Winery proudly opened its tasting room in downtown Grand Haven on Chinook Pier.

The 1,650 square foot tasting room is located at 301 N. Harbor Drive.

Lake Effect Wines currently featured in the tasting room include Aronia Blue, Black & Blue, Black Currant, Cherry and Marionberry. Additional wines will be added to the tasting selection in the coming months.

The wine samples are free because state law prohibits tasting rooms in Michigan to sell wine by the glass. However, bottles are available for purchase for \$12.99. Discounted prices are offered for multiple bottle purchases.

Patrons will eventually be able to purchase other items such as cheeses, meats and breads from Michigan businesses. Blueberry salsa, preserves and mustard are now on sale, as well.

Lake Effect Winery uses all natural fruits in its 19 fruit wines and does not add any sulfites during the winemaking process.

The actual winery is located at 4285 S. Brooks Road, just south of Cloverville. •

Maranatha summer concert schedule

(Submitted by Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference)

Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference has scheduled its Saturday evening concerts for summer, 2009. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge; however, an offering will be accepted.

July 25	Robert & Pam Adams
August 1	Marie & Gordie Barlow
August 8	Wonders of Science
August 15	Damaris Carbaugh
August 22	Chiz Rider
August 29	Kathy Troccoli
September 4	Johnny Ray Watson •

Garden Club dedicates Blue Star Memorial marker

(Submitted by the Muskegon County Garden Club)

The Muskegon County Garden Club pays tribute to our Armed Forces on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Great Lakes Naval and Memorial Museum, home of the U.S.S. Silversides, 1346 Bluff Street, on the channel by Pere Marquette Park in Muskegon. They will be dedicating their gift of the Blue Star Memorial Marker.

This ceremony honoring our Armed Forces will be an event that will be long remembered. This will be a meaningful opportunity, in today's world of unrest, to salute our service men and women and show our patriotism for our country. Current troubling times cause much disagreement among our citizens, but we all can agree that we respect and honor the Armed Forces — past, present and future. The Muskegon County Garden Club is a member of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and has been in existence since 1933. They celebrated their Diamond Jubilee Year in 2008. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. •