

VFW Auxiliary officers installed

By Florence Smith

The 2010 – 2011 officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fruitport Polar Bear Post 3734 were installed by past Auxiliary President Muriel Peterson at the May meeting.

Officers installed were Florence Smith, president; Diana Meara, senior vice president; Yvonna Bayne, junior vice president; Mary Sherwood, secretary/treasurer; Yvonne Smith, chaplain; Irma Putney, conductress; Elizabeth Johnson, guard; Diane Morton-Pletcher, one-year trustee; Yvonne Smith, two-year trustee; and Muriel Mills, three-year trustee.

The auxiliary meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. •



Square dancing is hard enough without doing it on a bouncing, moving dance floor. But the Maycroft Square Tappers had no problem! (Photo by Perry Burns.)

MCC board positions open

(Submitted by Muskegon Community College)

The Muskegon County Clerk's office is now accepting petitions for three positions on the Muskegon Community College Board of Trustees. Candidates may file to run in the November election for one of two six-year terms or one partial term that expires December 31, 2012. Candidate packets are available at the clerk's office, 141 E. Apple Avenue. The filing deadline is Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Muskegon Community College (MCC), in operation since 1926, offers over 80 areas of study and a low 18:1 student-faculty ratio. MCC's enrollment has increased by over nine percent in the past year. Many new programs have been added in the past year, including music, alternative/renewable energy, and film production.

For more information on the college, visit www.muskegoncc.edu. •



The fire-handling magic of the West Michigan Burnerz continues to be an OFD favorite.

More families seek assistance

(Submitted by the Muskegon Rescue Mission)

As the weather warms and thoughts turn to summer activities, vacations, and lazy days by the pool or simply going to the beach, many parents are wondering how to feed their kids. The rate of children living in poverty will climb to nearly 22 percent this year, the highest rate in two decades, according to an analysis by the non-profit group, Foundation for Child Development.

Many families in our community rely on the schools to help provide breakfast and lunch to keep their kids fed and healthy. With school dismissed for the summer, parents turn to food pantries to fill the gap. While demand for food is increasing, donations are decreasing. This can lead to shortages.

In this time of fun-filled days, let's not forget about the less fortunate and homeless in our community. To find out how you can help, call the Muskegon Rescue Mission at (231) 727-6090. •



Baxter's fancy new truck demonstrated a unique capability during the parade, as the suspended bicycle rider can attest. (Photo by Perry Burns.)

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