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Gwyndalyn Wiggin with her sugar cookies at the "Do Unto Otters" Summer Reading Program.

Summer reading program at Fruitport branch library

By Rachel Church, branch manager

We had a total of 225 children "Make a Splash and Read" at the Fruitport branch library this summer, sponsored by the Muskegon Area District Library. The program began June 14 and continued through July 31.

During that time, we had some visits from some fun entertainers, starting with Joel Tacey with his Safari Juggling Show. It featured magic tricks and other silly stuff. We also had a visit from local entertainer Rick Kelley, who led us in singing and dancing, and even a hula hoop contest, while performing some great family music. Our last show was the amazing magic of Maciek Biezunski. Kids of all ages enjoyed his performance, especially the tricks with birds and bunnies.

Kids also got to paint on shirts one day, and came up with some interesting designs. We watched a movie called *Do Unto Otters*, based on the book by Laurie Keller, and got to decorate our own sugar cookies after the movie. During the first week of July, children were invited to bring their flip flops to the library to decorate them with yarn, jewels, and beads — all kinds of fun things. Bingo Day brought out a good crowd of kids, and everyone went home with a prize or a treat.

Our reading prize winners this summer were Kimberly

Fruitport Township leaf disposal

(Submitted by Fruitport Charter Township)

Leaves in paper biodegradable bags will be collected for disposal on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, you may drop off leaves at 5865 Airline Road (immediately south of Fire Station 1 and the Fruitport Police Department).

All loads will be inspected, as only leaves will be collected.

You must be a resident of Fruitport Charter Township or the Village of Fruitport.

Grassfields Cheese

An interview with Betsy Meerman

(Reprinted from the *Michigan Family Farms* newsletter, August, 2010)

"In the 1800's, farming was a much more common occupation than it is today. But many farms of those days are no longer around. Lucky for us, an exception is Grassfields Cheese in Coopersville.

"Owned and operated by the Meerman family since the late 1800's, this farm certainly has adapted to meet the times.

"In 1992 we converted our farmland to intensive rotational grazing," says Betsy Meerman, cheese maker's wife. "We enjoy watching our happy animals munching on the grass all summer long, and enjoying the outdoors, even in snow! They have shelter if they need it, but they prefer to be outside."

"But when fifth generation farmer Jesse Meerman decided he wanted to stay on the farm, he knew he needed to create a new income source. He began experimenting with cheese making and found a love for the craft. Using the raw milk from the farm, Jesse has created several original cheeses, along with making traditional Dutch cheeses and Lamont Cheddar. By using raw milk in the cheese, enzymes and naturally occurring bacteria that aid in digestion stay in the cheese. The hard work paid off, and in the spring of 2007, Grassfields and all of their cheeses were certified organic. The cheese is available at several retailers and restaurants statewide (www.grassfieldscheese.com).

"In addition to the cheese, Grassfields offers pastured poultry, eggs, beef and pork (all free of antibiotics, growth hormones or any other chemicals) at their on-farm store.

"In 2005, the Meermans began another undertaking in response to customer demand. The Green Pastures cowshare program offers customers fresh, unprocessed whole milk. 'It's like boarding a horse,' says Betsy. 'Except instead of riding on her back, you get to drink your cow's milk!'

"Farm tours are available May through October. Group tours of 15 or more can watch cheese making, take a wagon ride tour of the farm and see the animals grazing in the fresh grass. Monthly open-to-the-public tours are also available and very affordable.

"So what's it like being a part of the history of feeding us? Betsy says, 'The best thing about being a farmer is working with my family in God's creation. I love having so much family time, even while we work. We love the work God has given us to do in providing food for families in our little corner of the world.'"



All of the special programs drew quite a crowd, young and old alike.

Sauers, Adam Eitnrear, Mackenzie Brown, Nick Kleinheksel, Rachel Swan, Amanda Johnson, Spencer Kosci, Jed Denning, Morgan Pant and Holly Link, who was the top reader this summer. They received great prizes — a trip to the Holland Aquatic Center, Craig's Cruisers certificates, Barnes & Noble gift cards, Meijer gift cards, a grab bag, or a flip phone.

The crazy candy count contest was running all summer with a new and bigger jar each week. The kids who guessed the correct amount of candy won the candy and a book bag full of prizes. The winners were Andrew Pothoven, Angelica Gilbert, Isaiah TerVree, Kendal Allen, Holly Link, Dorie Dietz, and Kassady Kleinheksel.



T-shirt painting was a popular event for the summer readers, especially for these three best friends.

Phantom of the Opera at Frauenthal

By Mary Weimer

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, you can experience the silent movie, *Phantom of the Opera*. Based on the novel by French writer Gaston Leroux, the 1925 film is the story of a disfigured musical genius who haunts the Paris opera and wages a reign of terror over its occupants.

The film will be shown at the Frauenthal Theater at 3 p.m. Organist Dale Zeiger will be accompanying the film on the Barton theater organ.

General admission tickets are \$7 and are available at the Frauenthal Theater box office or through StarTickets.

Scarecrows on Main Street in Coopersville

(Submitted by Coopersville Rotary Club)

"Scarecrows on Main" is the project sponsored by the Coopersville Rotary Club (District 6290) which is encouraging groups, businesses, families and non-profit organizations to show "Service above Self," a motto Rotarians live by. A little friendly competition is involved, too. No prizes, simply the satisfaction of knowing you helped support community efforts with non-perishable food and other essential items (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, etc.).

Each donated item or dollar equals one "vote" for any scarecrow on display on Main Street in Coopersville during the month of October. The Coopersville Farm Museum is the official voting/donation center. Museum hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other businesses on Main Street may accept donations at additional times if the museum hours are not convenient. All food and funds donated will be given to Coopersville Cares, a local food pantry serving the area.

Visitors to the famous Pumpkin Train walk across the tracks, and classrooms take field trips to see the scarecrows and bring their contributions to be tallied. Out of town visitors will be pleased to find several places to eat, unique places to shop, and some very interesting museums to tour.

You may contact LeeAnn Creager at (616) 997-8555 with questions.

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