

## Heights fire station to accept unused medication for disposal

By Mary Weimer

Area residents may drop off unused or expired medications to be disposed of on Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Muskegon Heights Fire Station.

When dropping off medications, mark out the patient information, but please leave the medication information visible.

Prescription and over-the-counter medications will be accepted in addition to samples, medicated ointments and lotions, antibiotics, cold and flu medication, vitamins, inhalers, and pet medicines.

Items which cannot be accepted include narcotics, sharps, biohazardous materials, household hazardous waste, aerosol cans, sunscreen products, IV bags, and personal care items.

Additional October disposal drop off events are being planned; and later in the year, Mercy Health Partners' retail pharmacies and the Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program will be able to provide daily drop off locations for medications as well as sharps disposal. •

## Secretary of State offices collecting food items

(Submitted by the Michigan Department of State)

Residents can help needy families throughout Michigan by donating nonperishable food items at local Secretary of State branch offices.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign has a 2010 goal of collecting 300,000 pounds of food and \$800,000, which is estimated to provide 4.2 million meals in Michigan.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said, "In Michigan, 12 percent of households are struggling to put food on the table. And one in six children is at risk of hunger. However, you can help change these statistics for the better."

Donated items can be dropped off at any Secretary of State branch office through Friday, December 10.

People are asked to donate food items such as canned meats, dry beans, soups, beef stew, pasta products, peanut butter, and tuna. They can also donate baby food or formula, diapers, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. The Food Bank Council requests donors avoid items in glass, as they often break in transit. Financial donations may be made online at [www.feedmichigan.org](http://www.feedmichigan.org). •

## Scrapbooking opportunities at Edgewood

(Submitted by Edgewood Elementary School staff)

Once again, Edgewood Elementary will be hosting Friday night scrapbook events. For a cost of \$5 and a small snack to share, you can enjoy six hours of scrapbook time, refreshments (pizza, soda, water) and social time with friends. One hundred percent of the admission fee supports various Edgewood events. You can pre-register by contacting Sheila Romberger at Edgewood Elementary (865-3171, extension 1047), or you can just come the night of the event. It is open to everyone.

This is a great way to get new ideas, share products, and get caught up on those photo albums. We hope to see you on one or all of the evenings listed below.

Date	Supports
October 22	4 <sup>th</sup> grade camp
November 12	5 <sup>th</sup> grade trip
December 10	after school activities
January 14	field trips
February 11	4 <sup>th</sup> grade camp
March 18	5 <sup>th</sup> grade trip •

## Muskegon County Garden Club schedules meetings

(Submitted by Alice Pasarella)

Muskegon County Garden Club members and guests will meet in October and November at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1655 W. Norton Avenue in Muskegon. Social time is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. A business meeting will follow the program.

The program presenter on October 18 is Paul Keiser from Agriculture and Health Alive, LLC. He will be speaking on creating local organic agriculture.

On November 15, Carol LaPres-Beyer will present information on conservation efforts and will demonstrate how everyone can get involved. Carol is a garden club member and nationally known expert on the Eastern blue bird.

All Muskegon County Garden Club meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (231) 798-7625 or (231) 759-7031. The Muskegon County Garden Club is a member of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. •



Rachel DeBruin bathes her horse, Zeke. (Photo by Lorrie West)

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