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WE CAN FIX THAT!**

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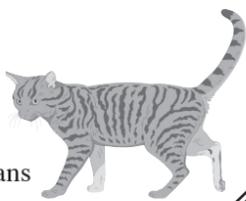
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865-6021

*Rescuing cats & kittens,
all breeds of bunnies, guinea pigs, ratties,
hamsters, birds, and all pocket pets.*

Have needs for:

Cat Litter
Carefresh Bedding
Wood Pellets
Food, Greens, Alfalfa
Crates
Volunteers
Pet Sponsors
Returnable bottles & cans



happy Birthdays

Feb. 3 • Betty Johnson
Feb. 4 • Carol Beth Buter
Feb. 6 • Matt Pastotnik
Feb. 8 • Chuck Hackney
Feb. 11 • Richard Johnson
Feb. 16 • Christine Flickema
Feb. 19 • Lester Olsen/Cameron O'Connell
Feb. 20 • Reggie Veldman
Feb. 29 • Mela Juarez
Mar. 6 • Greg Pastotnik
Mar. 7 • Lois Moore
Mar. 8 • Kristopher Piotrowski Love you!
Mar. 10 • Pat Hackney
Mar. 11 • Cindy Pastotnik
Mar. 18 • Jason Moore
Mar. 20 • Monica Fox
Mar. 21 • Bonnie Cooper
Mar. 22 • Bernita Colthorp
Mar. 31 • Tony West
April 1 • Julle Daul
April 2 • Pam Walker
April 2 • Gavin Pastotnik
April 11 • Jason Weimer
April 11 • Christopher Cooper
April 12 • Kim West
April 12 • Sandy Worth
April 16 • Meghan Cooper
April 18 • Mary Dawn Cooper
April 23 • Melanie Pastotnik

Anniversaries

April 7 • Tony and Lorrie West
April 19 • Sherman and Lois Moore
April 21 • Richard and Rachel Blackmer

Get Well wishes

Thara Johnson

If you would like to list a May, June, or July birthday or anniversary, or get well wishes for a special person in the next issue of FAN send or drop off \$4.00 with the name, date, and information to

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Fruitport, MI 49415

FHS future business professionals in state competition

By Lynn Vanderberg and Cindy Briggs

The following students have placed in their individual events at the regional Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition held at Davenport University and have qualified to compete at the state level in March. Fruitport High School had 26 students attend. Fourteen of them qualified. Two others will also attend as voting delegates and two are alternates and will have a chance to compete if one of the top five in their event is unable to attend the conference. This will be our largest group ever to attend the state conference.

Derek Barrett placed second in Visual Basic Programming, Bethany Bo placed second in Advanced Interview and Presentation Management Team. She also won a Torch Award for leadership and service. Breanna Bo placed sixth in Interview Skills and is an alternate to the state conference. Jacob Clenenon placed third in both Fundamental Spreadsheet and Administrative Support Concepts. Cathy Griffith placed second in Interview Skills. Ashley Guptil placed second in Presentation Management Team. Sara Haggerty placed second in Advanced Word Processing and third in Advanced Spreadsheet. Jessica Hartman placed fourth in Interview Skills. Sarah Kubanek placed second in Presentation Management Team. Michael Leindecker is eligible to be a voting delegate. Amanda Martin placed second in Presentation Management Team and third in Insurance Concepts. Tristan Peffley-Routt placed fifth in Keyboarding Production. Andrea Ritz placed first in Advanced Word Processing, first in Integrated Office Applications and second in Administrative Support Concepts, second in Financial Math and Analysis, Third in Business Spelling and is a Torch Award recipient. Keegan Somers placed first in Advanced Spreadsheet and fourth in Integrated Office Applications. Liz Taylor placed fourth in Desktop Publishing. Janelle Vest placed eighth in Interview Skills and is an alternate. Natasha Zylstra placed first in Basic Office Systems and Procedures and third in Advanced Word Processing.

Our state conference is a great opportunity for our students in many ways during the three days that they attend in downtown Grand Rapids. •

The year in pestilence

(Courtesy, Reader's Digest, February 2011)

"Bedbugs are like the cast of *Real Housewives*: They're everywhere and almost impossible to eradicate. What's the best advice for preventing and destroying America's newest scourge?"

"Keeping them out of your house is goal No. 1. Check your own bed (and any other beds you may stay in) with a flashlight, looking along mattress seams, ruffles, the headboard, the bed frame, walls, baseboards, etc., for the telltale dots and rusty-reddish stains.

"Some frequent travelers walk into a hotel room and immediately seal up their suitcases in one of those giant reclosable ziplock bags, reaching in to grab what they need and then reclosing the bag. Others pack their clothes inside ziplock bags inside the suitcase. Back at home, some even leave their suitcases outside in extreme cold or extreme heat to kill any bugs that may have hitched a ride. Others run their clothes through the dryer.

"Remember that upholstered seats can harbor bedbugs, too, bringing a whole level of horror to sitting in a movie theater or the doctor's office.

"Anyone can complain and post a report of bedbugs at bedbugregistry.com, though some hotels claim they are being unfairly maligned by customers disgruntled for other reasons.

"Many experts recommend buying a good-quality zipper casing for mattresses and box springs — before or after an infestation. Bedbugs can live more than a year without feeding (but better entombed in plastic than running free under the sheets).

"Taking things to a higher level, some wary sleepers plant the legs of their beds in special moatlike protectors that keep bedbugs from traveling freely to and from other areas of the house.

"PackTite makes a \$309 portable oven for luggage and other possessions, though it's not a big enough for some suitcases.

"Before you hire bedbug-sniffing dogs, keep in mind that that method may not be foolproof.

"Some moving companies are marketing themselves as bedbug-sensitive: They heat their moving blankets and trucks between jobs to kill pests." •

Community Shores Bank holds 'Support our troops' campaign

By Paula Beck

For the past five years, Community Shores Bank has run a campaign to show our troops how much they are appreciated and supported by their community. This year, Community Shores Bank decided to team up with the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs to show support for two local veterans and their families. It was our goal not only to support these two families, but also to re-supply the Muskegon County VA food pantry with a food drive.

We had our first meeting on November 23 and the Support Our Troops (SOT) 2010 campaign was launched. Community Shores Bank employees, along with our customers, exceeded any expectations anticipated before the campaign began. Employees were encouraged to pay for the privilege to wear jeans on the four Fridays leading up to the conclusion of the SOT campaign. Customers, encouraged by the opportunity to show their support for our troops, donated money for the privilege of having their name displayed on a snowman ornament that hung on trees at all four of the Community Shores Bank offices.

Community Shores Bank employees and customers were able to help re-supply the VA food pantry, and raised \$2,626 to help support our two adopted VA families. What a joy it was to have the privilege to give back and say thank you to those who give so much for our freedom.

We are sincerely humbled by the generosity of everyone who helped make SOT 2010 a success. •



Buyer beware!

Letter to the Editor:

I needed good, seasoned hardwood to heat my home. I answered the following ad from the North Ottawa Weekly paper: "Firewood – Christian Concrete seasoned hardwood and green wood. \$150 full cord or whatever you can afford."

I questioned them extensively about the wood — Is it good hard wood? What type? Is it cut from actual standing trees? Split? seasoned? etc. I explained that I need good wood in order to survive through the winter.

Assured by their answers that I would be getting quality wood for heating my home, I ordered a cord for \$175 cash. When it was delivered, the man told me I couldn't find any better wood. He showed me some pieces and told me that it had real good weight.

What I actually got is a pile of water logged (frozen), rotted, unseasoned wood. It is covered with mud and wood shavings. I have to chisel and clean the wood before bringing it into the house to finish melting the ice. And then nothing burns. I am not even certain that I received a full cord of wood.

When I called the company back, I was told to set aside the bad wood and they would exchange it for good wood. After several days of fighting with the wood, I called to ask for a refund because I couldn't use the wood to heat my house. I got their answering machine and now they will not return my calls.

I did not get a receipt, but I just want them to take the wood away and refund my money.

The company representative told me that Christian Concrete also builds and repairs homes. He said they advertise by word of mouth and in classified listings. I could not find them in the phone book. They even tried to get me to buy the last of their wood, offering to help me stack it if I would buy it.

My recommendation is "Buyer Beware." Don't trust this company for any reason!

Kathy Snow
Sullivan Township

A pay it forward thank you Letter to the Editor

A while back I went shopping for some things I needed for a funeral luncheon. While I was checking out, I realized I didn't have my money. It was in another jacket at home. I said I needed to come back to pay for the groceries.

The young man behind me insisted he pay for them. The dish I made was there on time. Thank you, Scott Wier!

Angie Turgeon
Spring Lake