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Big gatherings of family & friends is a OFD tradition during the Memorial Day Parade, ending the week long festival, here includes a few sitting together for years Bert, Bruce, Sandy Ferguson, Tracy & Brennon Allen, Wyatt, Amanda & Nate Stevenson. (Photos by Marilee Beck)

Local families needed for cultural exchange students

(Submitted by ASSE International Student Exchange Program)

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with the local high school, is seeking local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 18 from a variety of countries around the world.

Students come with an enthusiasm to practice their English and experience American culture — food, sports, shopping and more. They will also share their own culture with host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving both the students and families a rich cultural experience.

In addition, students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. Students are academically selected for the program and host families can choose their students from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

To become a host family or to find our how to become involved with ASSE in your community, please call our Midwestern regional office at 1-800-736-1760 or go to www.assehosts.com to begin your host family application. There are many students to choose from, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter into your family today!•

Free skate, hockey lessons for five year olds

(Submitted by Lakeshore Sports Centre)

Young children need a healthy, active lifestyle. That is why Lakeshore Sports Centre offers pre-hockey skating lessons and instructional hockey (for those who can skate already) free during the year that the child is five years old. It's their birthday present from the centre. Five Year Olds Free has introduced the wonderful sport of hockey at no cost to many young children, both boys and girls. Free loaner equipment is also available.

For more information, please call Kathy Cutter at the Lakeshore Sports Centre at (231) 739-9423.•

Baseball tryouts and hitting camp

(Submitted by Coast to Coast Baseball)

Coast to Coast Baseball would like to invite local players ages 10 to 18 to one of our upcoming tryout events. At the tryout, our staff will evaluate your skills in four areas: hitting, fielding, arm strength and speed.

Since the summer of 2001, over 2500 athletes from 46 different states have participated in the Coast to Coast Baseball program. Our alumni now compete at every level of collegiate baseball — and even professionally.

Players who are accepted to the program may choose to represent the USA in competition in Puerto Rico; or work with top college coaches and pro scouts at one of our Florida or Arizona camps and showcase events held at a MLB spring training complex.

In addition to the tryout, an instructional hitting camp will be held the same day. The goal of the camp is to help players improve hitting fundamentals as well as their mental approach at the plate.

Events will be held at: Elite Baseball in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 21; in Lansing at Capital City Baseball Kingdom on July 22, and in Albion at Albion College on July 23.

Tryout start time at all events is 10 a.m. Hitting camp start time at all events is 2 p.m.

For more information, players and parents can visit our website, www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com. Register for one or both events on the website or call the office at (740) 373-4455.•

Muskegon Heights High School to hold 60s decade reunion

(Submitted by William Moore)

If you attended Muskegon Heights High School during the 1960s, you are invited to a reunion to be held on August 25, 2012 at Whitlow's Banquet Hall, 4610 Airline Road in Muskegon.

The cost is $17.00 per person, including the social hour (cash bar) and dinner. The social hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. with dinner served from 6 to 7 p.m. Casual attire is recommended. Additional parking is available across the street and at the Lutheran Church on Hile Road.

For more information, call or email a committee member:

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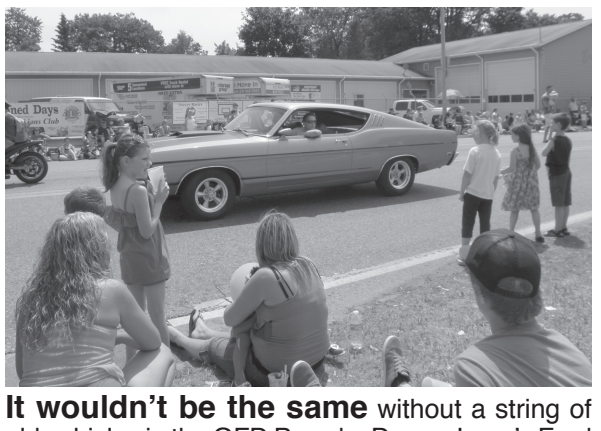

It wouldn't be the same without a string of old vehicles in the OFD Parade, Darren Luce's Ford Fair-lane driven by Cody Deaton who himself had his share of watching from the sidewalk of all the fast, loud cars took his turn this year behind the wheel. (Photos by Marilee Beck)

Baker College lists honors students

(Submitted by Baker College of Muskegon)

Fruitport students named to the Baker College President's List for the Winter Semester include Samantha Baldwin, Samantha Dixon, Cheryl Eikey, Sunday Evans, Nathaniel Tripp, and Emilee Walbrink. Nunica students named to the list include Thomas Burns, Diana Mapes, Isaac Sorensen and Tosha Wierenga.

Dean's List honor students from Fruitport include Christopher Allen, Arthur Blackmer, Nancy Coon, Patricia Danielson, Karen Frazier, Julee Hackney, Kristin Krehn, Barbara Lafever, Kayla Maine, Joni McCollum, Raelyn Perysian, Michelle Ponce, Tate Reminder, Deana Richter, Clinton Rollins, Kayla Sabo, Michele Sauers, Deanne Stebelton, Heidi Tice, Steven Visscher, Tavra Wahr, Jessica Woodward. Nunica honors students are Jimmy Brady, Tanya Brady, Christi Clark, Teri Crouse, Whitney Holmes, Christine Ingersoll, Cheyene Kanouse, John Mellema, Angela Michael, Stefanie Miller, John Myers and Dina Reedy.•