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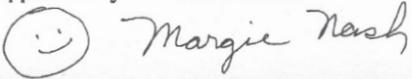
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Coopersville Summerfest

Story by FAN staff; photos by Marilee Beck
The annual Coopersville Summerfest celebration took place in Coopersville August 6 to 11. The variety of events expands each year and includes a number of activities in honor of Coopersville's favorite son, the late Del Shannon.
The weeklong celebration demonstrates the level of cooperation within the community of the clubs, organizations, businesses and residents that it takes to put forth an event that now draws 100,000 people.
This year's Summerfest was seven fun-filled days packed with activities like a scholarship pageant, food



Always a favorite time, riding the Coopersville & Marne Railway during Summerfest.



This 1994 Jeep Wrangler with a 427 big block, owned by Scott Klein of Sparta, was a "winter project" that drew crowds with questions during Summerfest.

Your invitation to attend traditional evening worship

By Pastor Bob Pohler, Fruitport Christian Reformed Church

Are you looking for a traditional evening worship service? The Fruitport Christian Reformed Church extends an invitation to all those in surrounding communities who would like to share an evening Christian worship service. Although more and more congregations are discontinuing their evening service, we recognize that evening worship is still important in some people's walk with the Lord. Also, we are aware that there are people in the community who must work on Sunday mornings and are not able to attend their home congregation's service, but they still desire to worship on Sunday. Because this need exists in the broader community, we are eager to invite everyone to join us on Sunday evenings.

We already have friends from three or four neighboring congregations from throughout the Muskegon-Grand Haven community who join us each Sunday evening. Guests are encouraged to stay loyal to their home church. This is not an attempt to draw members away from other congregations, but an effort to meet a spiritual need.
Evening worship services are typically traditional in style and include several hymns, an opportunity to share prayer requests, and a Bible based sermon. Occasional children's/youth services are announced in advance. Evening worship is scheduled for each Sunday at 6 p.m. except for holiday weekends (Mothers's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving). For additional information, please call the church office (865-6548) to speak either with Julie, our church secretary, or Pastor Pohler. Fruitport Christian Reformed Church is located at 3520 Pontaluna Road, just west of Airline Road.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore awarded grant

(Submitted by Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Lakeshore)
The Community Foundation of the Holland/Zee-land area has agreed to grant Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore the sum of \$5,000 to support their proven mentoring programs. The third quarter award will provide a necessary financial boost funding program expenses and salaries to recruit, interview, pair and support adult volunteers with an additional 22 children in need of mentoring. It is estimated that each match costs \$904 annually to support, although the programs are free to participants.
The National Big Brothers Big Sisters model, established in 1904, is arguably the most successful mentoring program. Locally, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore has operated since 1969 and serves about 175 children annually through its community-based programs in Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana and Mason counties. The grant will provide critical revenue to run and expand

competitions, 5K race, several fund raising events, a tractor show, silent auction, quilt show, kids' events and the fan-favorite Del Shannon Car Show and Cruise.



Shirley Westover (the mother of Del Shannon's children) and longtime friend Lee Marshall of Coopersville, take a moment to pose for the camera. They, too, have a tradition of being together during Summerfest in Coopersville and the celebration of Del Shannon's fame. They enjoy catching up, looking at all the vehicles, and chatting with the people who come from all around the world to celebrate.



Luke Cunningham, a 10-year old from Sparta, attends Coopersville School and was featured on FOX 17 news for performing for the crowds at Summerfest. He entertained the crowds by playing the piano and guitar while singing selections including Del Shannon's "Runaway," which was released 51 years ago. Luke is a very talented young man and has been performing for the past four years.



Peppie's Pizza rejuvenated

Story and photos by Harry Wojahn
As many of you may know, Peppie's Pizza in Fruitport across from Pomona Park has been undergoing some updates. Local resident and professional painter John Lein has been part of the rejuvenation of the pizza/sub shop to brighten the colors and help attract more clientele for Peppie's. Fruitport has been undergoing a lot of upgrades with roads and buildings. Our town is looking great.

programs, which will, in turn, increase awareness and build community partnerships in the Holland and Zee-land areas.

Since 1969, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore is dedicated to assisting youth reach their full potential through professionally supported mentoring relationships. This is accomplished through carefully matching adult volunteers, "Bigs," with children ages five to 12 known as "Littles" and giving them independent opportunities to let a friendship flourish. Many Big-Little relationships last for years as the Big becomes a caring life-long friend, mentor and positive role model for the Little. On a national level, Big Brothers Big Sisters was founded in 1904 and now serves over 250,000 children annually, operating under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life.