



Agape residents picnic in the park

By Jena Zeerip

The residents of The Agape Home and Agape Home at Blueberry Fields enjoyed a picnic outing to Fruitport's Pomona Park on Friday, June 28. The residents and staff spent all day enjoying the beautiful sunshine.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious cookout and had fun making s'mores together. Many of the residents took turns fishing throughout the day, and some of the residents' families came to share in the fun.

The Agape Home, located at 4445 S. Brooks Road in Fruitport Township, was started in 1989 by Rick and Katrika (Sawin) Ebeling. Agape Home at Blueberry Fields, 4747 E. Mt. Garfield Road in Fruitport, opened in April, 2010. Both homes are a part of Day Spring Services. Day Spring Services also includes Day Spring Assisted Living, Independent Living Apartments, In-Home Care and Life-Enrichment, and Day Break Adult Day Programs.
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Central Region 4-H Winterfest: Learn by Doing

by Katie Courtade

On February 2-3, 2013, seventy-five 4-H members and 32 adult volunteers attended the Central Region 4-H Winterfest at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. The 4-H members in attendance ranged in age from 8 to 12 years old. Muskegon County sent four 4-H members. They were Trevor Block, Tyler Gould, Morgan Erffmeyer and Kelly Chase. Emily Erffmeyer, 4-H Teen Leader, and 4-H volunteer Mike Erffmeyer taught the shooting sports session. Matt Block, 4-H volunteer, taught the fly-fishing session at the event. Emily, Mike and Matt are all from the Muskegon County 4-H Youth program.

It was an "action-packed" two-day event with many hands-on educational activities. Winterfest gave the 4-H members an opportunity to experience an overnight event that focuses on lifeskill development, meeting new friends, and exploring personal interests. The youth had the chance to learn by doing, which is the 4-H motto.

County board of commissioners receive a personal invitation

By Catherine Courtade, 4-H program coordinator

On June 25, three members of the 2012 Muskegon County Youth Fair Royal Court attended the Board of Commissioners meeting. They invited the county commissioners to attend the Muskegon County Youth Fair to view all the 4-H projects that members have been working on all year.



Jackson Fitzgerald, Cammie Clark and Zane Lee, members of the 2012 Muskegon County Youth Fair Royal Court, visited the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Don't let bug bites ruin your outdoor fun

(Submitted by Ottawa Department of Public Health)

Take steps to avoid bites from mosquitoes and ticks:

- Get rid of still water around your home to keep some types of mosquitoes from laying eggs.
- Cut back brush and tall grasses and get rid of fallen leaves to keep ticks away.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks.
- Use bug repellent on skin and clothing.
- Check everyone for ticks after spending time outside.
- Take a shower after going inside to help get ticks off of you.
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