

The time capsule

By Jerry Alger

Just prior to Old Fashioned Days this year, I took my grandson, Ryan Alger, to help me refurbish the time capsule plaque in the Fruitport Library yard.

The time capsule was buried in May of 1969. I was in charge of getting materials and having the time capsule built and buried, along with collecting memorabilia to fill the capsule. This all took place during our centennial celebration. All the materials and labor were donated by Fruitport area people. This included the stone and plaque that designates the location of the time capsule.

The plaque was made of aluminum with raised letters. After 44 years, the paint and the plaque had faded and needed to be brightened up. Ryan helped mask off the stone, and then he sprayed the whole plaque with black paint. After the paint dried, we were able to sand the raised letters, highlighting them against the fresh paint.

This should hold up just fine until 2019 when we will dig the time capsule up and examine the contents, add new memorabilia and rebury it. •



Ryan Alger sprays black paint on the time capsule plaque.

Safety Tips from Consumers Energy

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As Michigan residents are venturing outside to work and play, Consumers Energy offers the following tips:

1. Never fly a kite close to a power line — and if a kite does get stuck on a power line, do not attempt to remove it, as electric shock could be fatal.
2. Parents should ensure children never climb a utility pole or tree located near a power line.
3. Do not trim branches or trees near power lines themselves; call our forestry management professionals for a free estimate at 800-582-4238 before starting a trimming project.
4. Look up before moving ladders, long tools, or working around the outside of your home to ensure you never come within 10 feet of an overhead wire.
5. When planting a tree, be aware of the power lines and natural gas pipe lines that provide electricity to your home and throughout your neighborhood.
6. Avoid planting tall-growing trees such as large maples, oaks, and most pines under power lines.

Additional details regarding planting trees, digging safely and keeping your family safe around electricity and natural gas can be found on the Consumers Energy website at www.ConsumersEnergy.com/safety. •

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