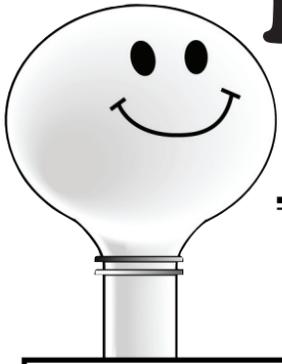


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Fruitport VFW to close?

Max Riekse, the commander of the Fruitport Polar Bear VFW Post 3734, confirms that the post is going to have a vote of its membership whether or not to sell the post building and dissolve the post at its regularly scheduled VFW post meeting on Monday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m.

From what we have been able to gather, the Muskegon VFW 3734 group that consolidated with the Fruitport Post around 2003, now wants to sell the Fruitport post building and assets and dissolve the post.

Even though the building was built by Fruitport volunteers, the money from a sale will probably leave the area in someone else's pockets.

The post has an active women's auxiliary, but they will not be able to continue their community service unless enough VFW members vote against dissolving the post. Evidently, the women do not have a vote in the matter and most of the men are too old to make it to the

once-a-month meetings. The younger veterans who are still able to get there are evidently not interested.

It does seem a shame to lose the community benefit of the women's auxiliary and the availability of the building for weddings, graduation parties, etc.

I understand that the post is solvent. The building is paid for, and they have money in the bank.

There has been some conversation about sharing the building with the Fruitport Lions Club which seems to be a much better idea than dissolving it and sending the assets off into the sunset.

There is still time for the younger veterans of foreign wars to join and vote to preserve the post. There is still one regularly scheduled meeting on October 7 before the November vote and some of the younger, more mobile veterans could be heroes one more time and vote to save the post. For more information, call Max at 865-3438.

Ron Cooper
Editor

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Successful area sale benefits A-T project

by Kathy Lundberg

Aaron Biros, the son of Chris and Christine Biros of Fruitport, is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Fruitport Middle School. At the age of two, Aaron was diagnosed with a very rare children's disease called Ataxia Telangiectasia, otherwise known as "AT".

The disease creates a one-thousand-times greater chance of developing cancer, cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy due to producing a low immune system. Having AT is like suffering from the symptoms of all these incurable illnesses at the same time.

On August 15 - 17, a successful sale at the Storage Group building on Pontaluna Road (the former Fruitport



Auditorium) raised \$4,300.00 to benefit the AT Children's Project.

We want to thank everyone who donated items or money to the cause; and everyone who gave many hours of their time to set up and operate the sale.



If you would like to know more about the disease, please visit the web site, www.communityatcp.org.

Donations can be made any time during the year by sending them to: AT Children's Project, 5300 Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 105, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073 in the name of Aaron Biros. Or, by phone, call 1-800-5HELP AT (1-800-543-5278).



Letter to the Editor Dr. Pierce will be missed

Fruitport Community Schools and our community mourn the recent passing of Dr. Robert H. Pierce, D.O. He was a true humanitarian with a caseload of thousands of patients from the Fruitport area and beyond.

Dr. Pierce was a fixture in all facets of life within our school district. He served as a Board of Education member and was team physician for the athletic program for more than 40 years. Virtually every FHS athlete received their physical from "Doc." He was a familiar institution on the sidelines of every home football game, keeping a watchful eye on each

participant's performance and tending to any injury that occurred.

Dr. Pierce has been honored by being named to the athletic halls of fame at the state, county, and local school district levels. Most recently, he was inducted into our very own Fruitport Athletic Hall of Fame.

A man of integrity, generosity and compassion, Dr. Pierce will long be remembered as an individual who gave much of himself to his community and to the students of Fruitport Community Schools. His accomplishments and service toward our community and Fruitport Schools will be a lasting legacy.

A scholarship fund was established following the death of Dr. Pierce's son, Todd, and grandson, Trevor. Since Doc's passing, the fund has become known as the Dr. Robert H. Pierce Family Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is part of the Fruitport Education Foundation and is managed by the Community Foundation of Muskegon County. If you would like to make a donation in Doc's name, please send a check to Fruitport Community Foundation, P.O. Box 264, Fruitport, MI 49415.

Maribeth Clarke
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Fruitport Community Schools

Fruitport Area CROP Hunger Walk

By Mary Weimer

The 12th annual Fruitport area CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Each year, some 2000 communities across the United States reach out in partnership to poor and hungry people here and in some 80 countries around the world. They walk to signify the millions of people who have to walk each day just to survive. They walk for food, water and firewood. They walk to escape violence. They walk to farm their fields.

The Fruitport Area CROP Walk begins and ends this year at Pomona Park. The walk is supported by a number

of area churches, businesses and individuals.

Funds raised are used to support the ministry of Church World Services, especially the hunger-fighting efforts of partner agencies around the world. The Fruitport Area CROP Walk also supports area food pantries located at the Fruitport Congregational United Church of Christ and Word of Hope Church. The Fruitport area food pantries receive 25 percent of the funds raised from the local walk.

This year's goal is to have 80 walkers involved to raise \$7,500. Those who cannot walk are encouraged to use the on-line resources or support the area CROP walk through the purchase of booklets for Younkers Days Sales.

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