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- A senior citizen wants to volunteer
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Jimmy Van Andel Jr.

RUN FOR FUN!

(Lil' Jimmy)



SAT, OCT 19, 2013

• Start at Pope's Pub
at 11:00 am

and end at Kim Tjapkes'
17651 136th Ave
Nunica at 4:00 pm

• **NO MONEY NEEDED!**

• **BYOB & CHAIRS**

• **ALL VEHICLES
WELCOME**

• **BRING YOUR
STORIES & MEMORIES**

• **FOOD WILL BE
PROVIDED-**

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OCTOBER 13TH

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Fruitport Conservation Club news

By Greg Weaver

The FCC trap shooters have completed the summer trap league for this year. The first place team includes shooters Dale Allen, Mike Niva and Chad Fett. As of September 19, there are two teams battling for second place. Team One includes Mike Vandebosch, Dave McNiff and Bob Skeba. Team Two includes Fred Westerfield, Dale Afton and Mike Stowers. "Top Gun" honors go to the shooter who breaks the most birds during the 16-week season. Chad Fett takes the honor of "Top Gun" by breaking 396 out of 400 birds. Congratulations to all the teams that participated in this summer's trap league.



The club is currently open and providing trap shooting every Thursday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$4 per round for members and \$5 for non-members. The FCC winter trap league is scheduled to begin on January 2, 2014.

On September 14, FCC held a fundraising banquet at the Fruitport Auditorium with the proceeds to benefit youth shooting sports. Thanks to all the businesses and members who made donations for this event and to all who attended.

The FCC pistol shooters gather on Wednesday evenings from 5 until 9 p.m. They offer NRA Bullseye courses and other fun shoots for those who want to do some pistol shooting. If you are in need of gaining some experience with your pistol or you just want to do some pre-season site-in, Wednesday evening is a good time to, as they say, "get 'er done."

FCC will be offering a hunter safety class for on-line home study students only on Sunday, October 20 from 2 to 6 p.m. Contact Joe Lucht at (231) 343-2389 or go to the DNR web site michigan.gov/dnr for further details.

On October 26, there will be a Sportsmen for Youth Texas Hold 'em at the Big Game Room at the Pointes Mall, 1040 E. Sternberg and Old Grand Haven Road, beginning as early as 1 p.m. FCC members, please consider attending this event to support the Sportsmen for Youth organization and their continuing efforts to provide a quality outdoor experience for the youth of western Michigan.

On September 7, FCC club members, along with many other sportsmen's clubs and their members, were on site at the annual Sportsmen for Youth Day to provide a positive outdoor experience for the two thousand plus



youngsters by donating their time, firearms and ammo so the kids would have an opportunity to try some of the shooting sports. With just a little rain to contend with, the kids were able to shoot shotguns, .22 rifles and pistols. Thanks to all of the local clubs and club members who helped out with this yearly event.

With a lot of hard work and commitment from several club members, FCC now has a 3-D bow range for member and non-member bow shooters to use. The 3-D bow range consists of a walking trail through the woods with 15 shooting lanes and life-sized 3-D targets. Any bow may be used with field-tipped arrows. The cost for FCC club members to shoot the course is \$4. Non-members' cost is only \$5, and junior bowmen, \$3. The course will be set up and ready for bowmen at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings until November 1. How often do you get the chance to shoot at a trophy buck or a black bear set in a real-life shooting situation, let alone a wolverine or a wild hog? Well, here is your chance to do just that and more. If you have any questions, please call Mike Kotecki at (231) 206-5143 or Mike Niva at (231) 327-9044.

With over 400 members again this year, and hunting season upon us, I know that quite a few members will want to be sighting in their deer guns. Hopefully, there is plenty of room for all members to shoot safely. First, please remember to use the safety lights whenever you go down range to set or check targets. There is a set of three-

way switches that turn these lights on and off. One switch is mounted on the east post of the rifle range, and one switch is mounted on the west post of the pistol range. Don't be bashful, please inform others using the range of your wish to go down range, rather than just turning on the lights and expecting all others to see them turned on. For safety reasons, while anyone is downrange, all firearms must be unloaded and placed in one of the gun racks provided, or, in the case of pistols, unloaded and placed on the shooting bench. Second, keep all targets and target stands set near ground level and directly



in front of the sand berms provided. We would like to keep all of the bullets that you may fire hitting the sand bunkers. Third, please use a little common sense while using the club ranges. To keep the children that frequent the club grounds from getting access to something that they should not have access to, please do not throw any live, misfired, or any other unexploded ammunition into the trash or leave it lying around the shooting benches. If your cartridge did not fire, pick it up and take it home with you and dispose of it properly. Last, paper targets, boring as they are, are the preferred things to shoot at. Chunks of concrete, laptop computers, or anything other than cardboard or paper is not allowed for safety reasons.

Currently, a yearly membership in the Fruitport Conservation Club is \$45. After July 1, a membership is \$67.50 for 1 1/2 years, with the term ending December 31 of the following year. Persons wanting to join may visit the club Tuesdays through Thursday evenings at which time there should be a club officer available to sign up new members. Or visit our web site, fruitportcc.com, and under the resources tab you will find a download able application.

A membership allows usage of the ranges from 9 a.m. to dusk, seven days a week unless another event is taking place. Please be aware that the shooting ranges are considered closed if another event is taking place, so be sure to check the FCC web site calendar before coming out to the club.

Many thanks to all of FCC's members who provide so many hours of labor to make improvements to the club and to all of the club's sponsors for supporting the club and its activities throughout the year.

With the hunting season in full swing, it might be wise to review a few safety rules with your hunting partners before going afield.

- Always keep the muzzle of a firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
- Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
- Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- Check your barrel for obstructions and carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.
- Unload firearms when not in use.
- Point a firearm only at something that you intend to shoot.
- Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
- Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
- Avoid using alcoholic beverages before or during hunting or shooting.
- A safety is a mechanical device that may fail.
- When crossing a fence, ditch, stream, or other obstruction, first unload your firearm.
- When climbing into or out of a tree stand, always wear a safety harness and use a climbing belt.

Good luck to all of the hunters out there. •

New site to showcase Michigan History

(Submitted by The Muskegon Market Report)

A new \$1.7 million tourism destination is estimated to draw 10,000 visitors each year. Michigan's Heritage Park at Hilt's Landing celebrated an official groundbreaking August 28 by the Lakeshore Museum Center. This new interactive exhibit, located off US 31 in Whitehall Township, will explore 10,000 years of Michigan history.

The project is 95 percent of the way funded with 95 percent being spent with Muskegon County vendors. The

project will include a theater, visitors' center, small gift shop, and feature an ADA trail with interactive exhibits including a French fur trader's cabin, a Civil War camp, Native American wigwam and more. The park will host special events such as antique car shows, Native American powwows, and Civil War reenactments.

Construction starts in October and the site is scheduled to be open in June, 2015. •

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