

FRUITPORT OLD FASHIONED DAYS CANCELED

After much consideration, the Fruitport Lions Club has decided to cancel Fruitport Old Fashioned Days for this year. We will, however, hold a virtual 5K road race and a virtual bike run.

There has been a myriad of things that helped us make the decision to cancel. First – Covid-19 numbers are continuing to rise. We thought since our event was the end of May we could still do it. Second – the responsibilities of the club would include social distancing for all activities, the carnival would need to be fenced in with ingress and egress spots, a limit of 1000 people including staff must be accounted for and these things would be hard to do especially on getting volunteers and the cost of fencing. Third – large gatherings were a contributing factor to cancelling the fireworks and the parade.

We do not want to become the source of spreading the virus so we will have to wait until next year to try our event again.

Pat Stressman, Chairperson
Fruitport Old Fashioned Days

Christmas Trees at the North Pole

by Rick D. Lifer

This past years Trees for Tots was another success thanks to our community, North Pole Ice Cream Shop, Hazard Sawmill, Tractor Supply, Paul Schultz Trucking, Fruitport Fire Department and various Township employees.

Christmas tree sales were conducted each weekend, manned by volunteers, starting after Thanksgiving and running up until the last weekend before Christmas. This was the second year for Trees for Tots at the North Pole Ice Cream Shop location in Cloverville, on Hts. Ravenna Rd. and it was another very successful year. Proceeds from the Christmas tree sales goes to support the needs of children in the area.

Once again, we thank the many volunteers and donators that make this event a success!

Thank you for supporting the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence. 2020 Run and Ride to Remember was a virtual success!

Thank you to everyone who participated and shared in our annual *Run to Remember (Fruitport Old Fashioned Days 5K)*, May 18 through Memorial Day, May 25. YOU ARE A TOP FINISHER in our eyes - because you shared in our mission by participating in this annual event to benefit our inpatient hospice residence in Fruitport Township.

Congratulations to Sam Cooper and Samantha Alter! These were our two top run finishers who had the best times for male and female participants.

Due to COVID-19 we were sad to not hold large gatherings for these events. Both events were moved to a VIRTUAL format encouraging



Pictured is Meghan Cooper and her children, Abigail (8), Owen (3) and Wyatt (6) who all participated in the event and wearing their medals.

everyone to register, get outside and enjoy some fresh air while practicing safe social distancing during the week.

It was a virtual success, our first way holding these events. 35 participated in the 5K and along with the *Ride to Remember* raised just over \$1,000. If anyone has pictures from your run/walk/jog please consider sharing them to help us promote future events by emailing to info@HarborHospiceMI.org

Proceeds from these two virtual events help sustain the Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence. Our "home" for over 3,000 patients and families since opening in 2005. Read more about the Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence at HarborHospiceMI.org

Thanks to all our riders, runners and donors, the staff and volunteers at the Poppen Hospice Residence will welcome patients into a home where every detail has been thoughtfully provided and no one is turned away regardless of ability to pay.

We look forward to hopefully seeing everyone again at the Run and Ride to Remember 2021!

Thank you again for supporting our mission and the work that we do,
The Run and Ride to Remember Committee and the Harbor Hospice Foundation

For future event information please call the Harbor Hospice Foundation, 231.728.3442 or Fruitport Chiropractic Center, 231.865.6545

VIRTUAL RUN AND RIDE TO REMEMBER, May 22-29, 2021 5K race and leisure bike ride to remember and honor our loved ones.

Ready to get outside to run, jog, walk or bike - and support a great cause?

Virtually come together and join Harbor Hospice staff, volunteers, and event sponsors for a beautiful run, jog, walk, or bike ride from Fruitport, Michigan while supporting the Leila and Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence.

"The Harbor Hospice Foundation Run and Ride to Remember is a great way to kick off the summer season! We are grateful for our community partners; Fruitport Lions Club, Fruitport Chiropractic and X-Cell Integrative Health for hosting this annual event and to the participants that help raise money for the Harbor Hospice Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence," said Ammy Seymour, Director of Development.

Runners, walkers, joggers and bikers of all ages are welcome! Registration is online only. All proceeds from registration and crowdfunding to benefit the Leila & Cyrus Poppen Hospice Residence in Fruitport Township, a program of Harbor Hospice. Its 14 private patient rooms have served as a welcoming home with compassionate and skilled care for over 3,000 terminally ill patients since it opened in 2005. Since 2006, the Fruitport and surround communities have supported the charity

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events with almost \$17,500 in proceeds benefiting the inpatient hospice residence.

To register and/or crowdfund visit: HarborHospiceMI.org/RunRideRemember – Participates registered by May 17 will receive a 2021 commemorative t-shirt with pick-up time emailed.

5K out and back course will take you through the rolling hills of Fruitport with medals for all participates and trophies for top finishers. The leisure bike ride route will take you 15-miles around beautiful Spring Lake. Registered virtual 5K participants will receive an email with instructions for timed and additional tracked race app for mobile phone. Participates have from May 22 until 11:59 pm, May 29 to complete their race to qualify for top finisher. Registered bike riders will receive a downloadable route map.



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