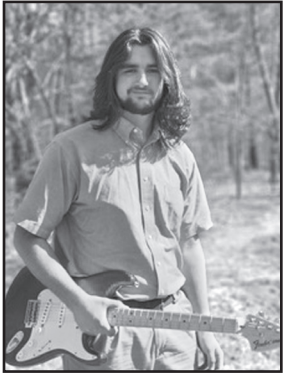


...Class of 2023



John Henry Leonard

I've been homeschooled my entire life, it's been interesting to say the least. My plans for the future are to continue learning trades and work in whatever field they lead me. I would like to thank John Logan, William Stork, and of course, my parents for shaping me into who I am today.



Jack Charles Montambo

I began homeschooling when I was in 3rd grade. For high school, half of my education has been traveling the US with my family. I enjoy the outdoors, woodworking, movies and music, sketching, reading, playing guitar and hanging out with my family and friends. I'm excited to see where the Lord leads me.



Evan Todd Paul

As a dual-enrolled student, I have taken advantage of my time at Muskegon Community College to pursue my academic and professional goals. I am thrilled to continue my journey at Cornerstone University in Fall 2023, where I will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. I enjoy participating in theater and have been a part of two local productions, Kalamity Kate and Til We Have Faces. In my free time, I also love playing Dungeons and Dragons.



Jaden Tré Radel

I have been homeschooled (or more like unschooled) my whole life. I loved it! I appreciate that I was able to focus on learning about the things I'm most interested in. I love being outside in nature, especially when I'm ripping through the trails on a quad or dirt bike! I also love hangin' out with my family and friends.

Videography and filming is a passion of mine, so much so that I started a company called JTR Filmmaking last year. I have learned so much about the art of filmmaking and my hope is to pursue this as a professional career. One of my favorite Bible verses is: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High shall rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust'". - Psalm 91:1



Noah Edwin Ross

I am excited to graduate this year with my amazing classmates! Some of my personal interests include skimboarding, soccer, traveling, and collecting Petoskey stones. I would like to pursue an engineering-type career. "As for me, I would seek God, and to God would I commit my cause." Job 5:8



William Tolson Smutz

Faith, football, cartoons, and Star Wars accurately describe my childhood. I always found a way to work these into my school work and more. I plan to work a year full-time at Chick-Fil-A and then pursue animation, preferably in the storyboard department, to use the talents the Lord

has given me to honor and glorify him.



Emma Kathleen Torok

I was born just outside Boston, Massachusetts and lived there for 2 1/2 years before moving to MI. I've been homeschooled for the past 12 years which has given me opportunities to do things that I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. I love playing soccer, hanging out with

friends and singing. I've been a theater kid for the past 5 years but I've been a drama queen my whole life. I am going to work as a barista over the summer at Lake Ann Camp. I'm considering doing one of their internships this fall. Other than that I'm just waiting to see what God has in store for my life!



Riley Theodore VanOosterhout

Along with my three younger brothers, I was homeschooled since kindergarten and active in Muskegon Co-op, robotics, and church youth group. I enjoy playing my guitars and leading worship. I plan to attend Muskegon Community College, pursue a career in welding, and seek to follow God's calling on my life.



Jackson Christopher Wall

I am an avid outdoorsman and enjoy all four seasons of Michigan! I have received numerous awards in State and local 4H shooting sports competitions in addition to being an Ambassador, club Vice President and President. I developed leadership skills during the process of becoming a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, which has helped me in various mentorship roles and as President for a new local chapter of a national leadership organization. In addition to earning college credits by advanced testing this past year, I applied to and was accepted at Hillsdale College and started this past January; I will continue with Hillsdale while pursuing additional opportunities including obtaining my pilots license.

Fruitport District Library Summer Reading Program!

We have an amazing summer planned at the Fruitport District Library full of events for children, teens, and adults!

Come check out the Launch Party in Pomona Park on June 17th where you can sign up for the Summer Reading Program, get a bag of goodies for signing up, and attend a program by the Outdoor Discovery Center! Win prizes throughout summer and earn entries into our raffle for the Wrap Up Party on August 18th. On Mondays throughout summer we'll have Crafts and Snacks between 11:30 and 12:30 as well as Storytime with Miss Lesa on Fridays at 11am. New Take n Make crafts will be available every Monday.

We will also have wonderful music guest Evan Haller who will make you sing, jump, shake, and laugh on June 28 at noon, visit other planets and outer space with Dynamic Star Labs, Cake Nailed It! event hosted by Orchard Market, with another visit by the Outdoor Discovery Center on August 18 at 11am for an interactive presentation featuring live animals, taxidermy, and artifacts followed by free ice cream from Huntington Bank's Ice Cream Truck!!!

For a full listing of Summer Reading events please stop by the library, check out the events page on the library website, stop into the library, or attend the kick-off party on June 17th! We'll also be sending the full list of events home with students of the Fruitport and Calvary schools towards the end of May.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our community calendar on our website at FruitportDistrictLibrary.org.

Spring is Here

The snow was softly fallen down,
It melted as it tracked the ground.
We know it had not long to stay
'Cause spring was on its merry way.
And now that spring is here at last,
And winter-time is in the past,
The birds are back and sing with cheer;
They seem so glad that spring is here!
On trees the buds are green and new,
It won't be long til leaves pop through.
And robins now we see each day;
We wish that spring was here to stay.
--Barb Taylor Paul

Ottawa County Seeks Artist for Justice Center Mural

County facilities have no shortage of blank walls, and Ottawa wants to change this in its new Family Justice Center. The 20th Judicial Circuit Court is seeking an artist to create an inviting mural or two-dimensional art installation that welcomes residents into the new courthouse. Project details are available in a Request for Proposals on miOttawa.org. The building, currently under construction in West Olive, was designed with a space intended for a 13-foot wide by 36-foot tall art installation in the main staircase. This artwork will be a focal point for the public entering the courthouse and for people on each of the three floors of the building.

"Courthouses can be intimidating places, but as this building is intended to focus on families. We want to make the public feel welcome in a manner that is appealing to all ages," said Chief Judge Jon A. Van Allsburg.

All artistic proposals to fill the space must be submitted to Ottawa County by 2 p.m. on June 1. Those proposals will then be considered by an evaluation committee before a final design is chosen in July.

Fruitport District Library Teen and Adult Programs

Gentle Yoga continues throughout summer at 9:30am on Fridays. Bring your own mat and wear comfortable clothes. Instructor Joyce Borst wants participants to have fun while building strength in our body, mind, and soul! Teens and adults welcome. This event is free for the public.

Join Shirley Conroy for a fun beginner course in line dancing! Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to dance! Class is at 6pm. Teens and adults welcome. This event is free for the public.

Learn how to Macramé with Robin Darling for teens and adults. Robin provides the materials and instruction. Participants provide the enthusiasm. Class size is limited so register soon. The event is free for the public. Open to teens and adults.

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Experience 1900-1950s America through the eyes of iconic artists

submitted by the Kristina Broughton, Muskegon Museum of Art

MUSKEGON, MI — Experience early 20th-century America through the eyes of the country's most iconic artists at the Muskegon Museum of Art from May 11 – August 27. *American Realism: Visions of America* is an exhibition that highlights the art and artists who defined American Art as we know it today by capturing the everyday moments of life in America from 1900 – 1950.

The early 20th century was a transformative time for art in America as industry, immigration, and politics changed the way of life for many Americans. Artists of the time were heavily influenced by Western European art, however, artists in America sought to define an art movement that reflected the changing times by capturing the American experience. Iconic artists such as Robert Henri, George Bellows, Guy Pène du Bois, Reginald Marsh, Hughie Lee-Smith, Charles Alston, and many more led this new era of art in America through paintings, drawings, and prints that defined American Art as we know it today.

Drawing from the collections of four Michigan museums - Muskegon Museum of Art, Flint Institute of Art, Kalamazoo Institute of Art, and Detroit Institute of Art - *American Realism: Visions of America* displays an impressive exhibition that will travel to Flint and Kalamazoo, Michigan over the course of the next year.

American Realism: Visions of America is generously underwritten by Fifth Third Bank, Hines Corporation, and ArtBridges.