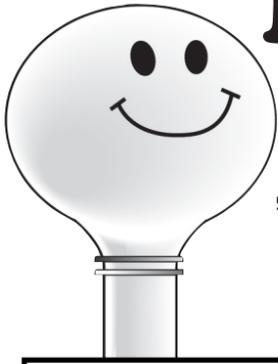


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## Fifth annual Aaron's Walk a huge success

(Submitted by Edgewood Elementary School)

October 17, 2010 wasn't just a beautiful fall day, it was a successful day for the A-T Children's Project!

For the fifth year, the community of Fruitport came out en mass to support Aaron Biros and his family as they continue to raise money for A-T research. A-T (Ataxia - Telangiectasia) is a genetic disorder that Aaron Biros, an Edgewood fifth grader, was diagnosed with as a young child. The disorder has been described as having muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, immune deficiencies, and cancer all rolled into one genetic disease.

With the support of local businesses in Fruitport, Muskegon, Spring Lake, and surrounding areas, as well as personal contributions, the fifth annual Aaron's Walk raised over \$12,000. One hundred percent of the money is donated to the A-T Children's Project located in Florida. Children's Project is a non-profit organization that focuses on research and support of A-T. Many exciting advances in research have occurred already in 2010. While there is currently no cure for A-T, the hope is to find treatments to improve the quality of life of individuals affected by A-T, and to one day put an end to this debilitating disease. For more information about the current research or A-T, please visit the children's Project website at [www.atcp.org](http://www.atcp.org).

Raising over \$12,000 demonstrates what a great community Fruitport truly is. On behalf of the Biros family, we thank you for your care and support. •



## Veterans Memorial Park to honor Medal of Honor recipients

By Mary Weimer

Muskegon County can lay claim to two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Duane Dewey and Alexander McHale. Both entered the service in Muskegon County, McHale in the Army and Dewey in the Marine Corps, and both eventually were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Sergeant McHale, who served during the Civil War, captured the enemy's flag and continued to fight. Dewey served in the Korean War and covered a live grenade with his body, saving his fellow Marines. Duane Dewey is currently living in Florida.

In an effort to recognize their heroism, Fruitport Village Councilman Jerry Alger and VFW Post 3734 Commander Max Riekse, are planning to add two

bronze tablets at the base of the veterans monument in the Veterans Memorial Park in Fruitport.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award given for heroism in action while serving in the armed services. President Obama recently awarded the medal to Salvatore Giunta, the first recipient in nearly 40 years to receive his medal in person. Since the end of the Vietnam War, the medal has been awarded nine times, but all were awarded posthumously to the families of the recipients.

Alger and Riekse hope to raise \$1,000 in order to have the tablets in place in time for a celebration on Medal of Honor Day, March 25, 2011. An even greater goal is their effort to raise \$6,000 to provide five tablets and two stone monuments to be placed throughout Muskegon County.

If you would like to donate to the bronze tablets, send your donations to: Village of Fruitport - MOH, Post Office Box 43, Fruitport, MI 49415. •

## Village volunteers appreciated

By Jerry Alger

The Fruitport Village Council would like to thank Bud and Dolly Rose for keeping the Peach Tree Plaza looking its best this summer. Because of their efforts the landscaping was cleaned, old edging taken up and replaced, cement areas were edged and weeds pulled. Fertilizer was spread on the grass. And after everything was in order, they planted flowers around the base of the Peach Tree.

Because of their efforts, many people enjoyed sitting on the beautiful iron benches. And at least one wedding was performed there, also.

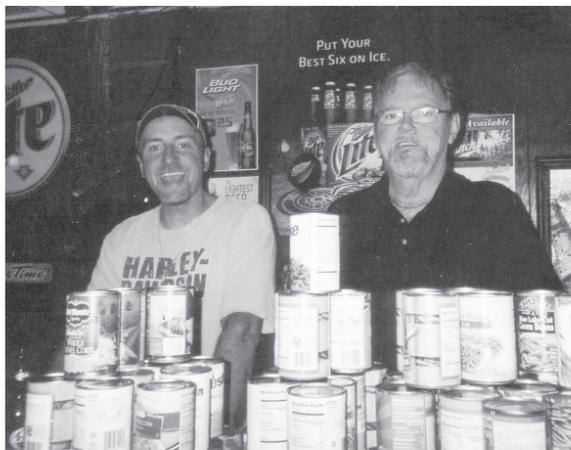
The Peach Tree truly has been a community effort. We can't forget all the donated time and money that went into making the Peach Tree a reality. The people who donated so much to make this happen have not been forgotten.

If you would like to have the same "good feeling" of volunteering as Bud and Dolly, please let the Village council know. We have three other "pocket" parks that could use someone to oversee their upkeep. In the village, we have the Veteran's Memorial Park, the Eighth Avenue Park (at the water's edge at the south end of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue), and the Sixth Avenue Park, where the former swimming hole was. These parks do not require a lot of work. The DPW workers do most of it. But with someone to oversee the parks, they do not get out of hand and will continue to be bright spots in our village.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the quality of life in the village, call Jerry Alger at 865-3952 or any other village council member. •



Jackie Gravelyn, (daughter of Ye Old Tavern owner), Bobbie Jo King, and Bryan Gemmell organized the Thanksgiving meal drive for area families.



Bryan Gemmell and Ron McBride, with a few of the donations for Thanksgiving meals.

## Thanksgiving meals provided for area families

By Fan staff

Bryan Gemmell, a bartender at Ye Old Tavern, thought it would be a nice idea to provide Thanksgiving meals for area families. He and the other bartenders organized a food drive. They began with the idea of donating to 20 area families, but the response allowed them to provide meals for 36 families.

"To everyone who donated to the food drive

for our Fruitport families, your generosity and time mean so much! The families greatly appreciate the wonderful Thanksgiving meal they had."

In addition to the food, many donated cash, allowing them to start a Christmas Wish Tree to provide presents for area children in need. The goal is to spend \$40 per child. Donations of cash or gifts can be made at Ye Old Tavern or Pincrest Lanes. •

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